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NEWSWATCH

Jawara arrives
 KUWAIT, July 29. (KUNA): President Dawda Kairaba Jawara of Gambia and accompanying delegation arrived here this evening at the start of a three-day state visit to Kuwait.
 The Gambian President was received at the airport by HH the Amir, the acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed. Cabinet members, governors, dean of the diplomatic corps and senior state officials.
 An official delegation including the Ministers of External Affairs Omar Sey, Planning and Economic Affairs Maba Atta and senior Gambian officials are accompanying President Jawara.

Exclusive
 MAZRIYEH Dabbagh's arrest and torture by the dreaded SAVAK is now a legend among the women of Iran.
 "They wanted to break me," she said, showing burn marks on her body. They even employed emotional blackmail, torturing her 12-year-old daughter in front of her.
 Mazriyeh and her daughter survived their ordeal. It has all merged into memories that sustain the revolution.
 Mazriyeh and other Iranian women recently spoke to Fathima Ahmed from the Arab Times about their experiences and about their hopes for the future of Iran.
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Crime on the rise
 NEW YORK, July 29. (Reuters): An overwhelming majority of Americans believe that crime is on the rise and favour deploying state militias instead of just local police in drug-infested areas, a new poll shows.
 The militias, known collectively as the National Guard, are usually called out in natural disasters or to control riots.
 The survey of 1,000 people found that 82 per cent believed crime is up. A third said they were "desperate" about crime and 59 per cent were eager for "emergency action."
 Eighty-one per cent said they wanted the National Guard to patrol drug areas and 74 per cent were in favour of the death penalty for some killers.
 Both whites and blacks — 78 per cent and 93 per cent, respectively — considered racism a problem in the US criminal justice system.

Grenade attack
 MANILA, July 29. (AP): A 40-year-old mother and her four children, including a seven-month-old boy, were killed in a grenade attack in the central Philippines, the constabulary reported today.
 The deaths occurred late yesterday on the outskirts of Marikina, a town about 270 km (170 miles) southeast of Manila, a report said.
 Anita Franco and her four boys, aged seven months to 12 years, died in their sleep. The father was not in the house at the time.

Military aid
 NICOSIA, July 29. (Reuters): Soviet military aid to Iran is not directed against other countries in the region, Moscow's ambassador to Tehran was quoted today as saying.
 In comments apparently directed at Baghdad and Washington, Vladimir Gusev told the Tehran Times charges that better Soviet-Iranian relations could destabilise the region were "absolutely false."
 The Kremlin agreed to boost Iran's defences during a visit to Moscow last month by Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, elected President yesterday.

Romanians defect
 DARTMOUTH, Nova Scotia, July 29. (Reuters): Three Romanians who were participating in the World Junior Canoe Championships have asked to remain in Canada, the Canadian Press News Agency reported today.
 Two men and a woman, whose names were not released, contacted city police in nearby Halifax shortly after 0500 GMT, immigration officials told the news agency.
 They were later interviewed by immigration officials, it said.

Boats sink
 DHAKA, July 29. (AP): Three boats sank during a rainstorm in southern Bangladesh and at least 57 people were missing, including 24 wedding guests, police and news reports said today.
 A boat carrying 30 wedding guests capsized yesterday in the Meghna river while on way to the bride's village near Chandpur town, 65 km (40 miles) southeast of Dhaka, police said.

Amir to press Sofia-Ankara mediation as exodus grows

KUWAIT, July 29. (Agencies): Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed announced today that a two-man mediation team would very soon fly to Turkey and Bulgaria on a mission assigned by HH the Amir, Chairman of the fifth session of the Organisation of Islamic Conference.
 Sheikh Sabah told KUNA and daily Al Seyassah that the team comprises (OIC) Secretary-General Dr Hamid Alghabid and Majid Al Shaheen.
 The acting premier pointed out that the mission comes in view of the friendly ties binding HH the Amir with each of the presidents of Turkey and Bulgaria.
 KUNA has learnt from Foreign Ministry sources that the team, which would fly to Turkey tomorrow, and would then proceed to Bulgaria, will convey messages from HH the Amir (OIC) chairman, to the two countries' heads of state.
 The messages, according to the sources, outline consultations on how to settle the problem of the minority Muslim ethnic Turks in Bulgaria.
 Kuwait has recently recalled its ambassador from Bulgaria, Talib Al Naqib for consultations with HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, and Sheikh Sabah.

comparing with about 3,000 in recent weeks.
 ■ A senior Bulgarian envoy, defending allegations of human rights abuses, says a mass exodus of ethnic Turks from Bulgaria is caused by liberal travel laws and not by persecution by the communist authorities.
 ■ Mauritania thanked
 ■ Mauritania Mines and Industry Minister Ahmed Ould Khalifa today said the mediation efforts by the Amir of Kuwait, had succeeded in bringing together both the Senegalese and Mauritanian residents to a meeting to discuss a dispute between the two countries.
 Speaking to daily Al Qabas, Khalifa held Senegal responsible for the ethnic violence in Senegal in which Mauritanian nationals were beaten and killed and others deported to Mauritania last April.
 Senegal had voiced similar charges against Mauritania.
 A dispute between Senegalese and Mauritanian cattle breeders over grazing rights at joint border district on April 9 had led to eruption of ethnic clashes between peoples of the two countries.
 ■ Senegal today denied Mauritanian

accusations that it was preparing for war following their four month-old border dispute.
 "It would be madness to seek war... our aim is not to wage war against Mauritania but to find a lasting settlement to our border dispute," Senegalese President Abdou Diouf told a meeting of the ruling Socialist Party in Dakar.
 ■ President Abdou Diouf denied today that his nation is seeking war with Mauritania, but strongly demanded that its neighbour stop deporting its own black citizens.

India pulls the light brigade Off rode the 600

TRINCOMALEE, Sri Lanka, July 29. (Agencies): India staged a token withdrawal of 600 soldiers today and opened negotiations with Sri Lanka on the departure of the rest of its 45,000-man force.
 President Ranasinghe Premadasa, who had demanded the removal of "the last Indian soldier" by the end of July, sought to portray today's withdrawal as a victory for his government.
 But the action was likely to be viewed as too little and too late to defuse the escalating attacks on Premadasa's government by ultranationalist members of the Sinhalese majority.
 The Tamil separatist insurrection began in 1983 with attacks on Sri Lankan troops and massacres of Sinhalese civilians.
 India, the region's biggest military power, had provided sanctuary for Tamil fighters and was drawn into the situation because of the sympathies of its 60-million Tamil minority.
 Indian peacekeeping troops arrived in 1987 to supervise a Tamil surrender of arms under an Indian-brokered accord. But the largest group reneged, and Indian troops became embroiled in their own jungle war with the militants.
 The Indian forces swelled to at least 70,000 troops at its height. About 11,000 Indian soldiers are among the 11,000 killed in the violence.
 The government also accuses the ultranationalist Sinhalese extremists of 4,000 killings since the Indian troops arrived. Most of the victims have been Sinhalese government officials and supporters.
 Both Indian and Sri Lankan officials had said they did not know when more Indian troops would leave. A timetable is now under negotiation by Sri Lankan and Indian teams who have opened talks in New Delhi.
 A seven-member Sri Lankan delegation, headed by Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne, arrived in the Indian capital earlier today for three days of negotiations.
 An Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman described their first meeting, which lasted two hours, as warm and said the talks would



A few dozen members of India's Janata Party burn an effigy of Sri Lankan President Premadasa in New Delhi yesterday, as Indian troops resumed their withdrawal from Lanka. (Reuters wirephoto)



Indian troops seated outside the Trincomalee port in Sri Lanka's eastern province yesterday before boarding a ship for south India. (Reuters wirephoto)

Global tug-of-love

Who keeps the kids?

CAIRO, July 29. (Reuters): Barbara Mezo of Brooklyn, New York, does not know when she will see her two children again.
 She has been searching for seven-year-old Mohammed and Leila, aged four, since their Egyptian-born father Abdel Aziz Mohammed El Mergawi brought them to Egypt in May last year despite a New York court decision granting her custody.
 "I feel very depressed, at other times very angry," she said. "I dream about them. When I wake and remember they're not there I know it's going to be another terrible day."
 Mezo, who uses her maiden name, said an Egyptian judge had granted her visiting rights to her children. But her husband would not disclose their whereabouts, and she did not know where to start looking in this teeming capital of 14 million people.
 Mezo's problem, shared by hundreds of US parents in cases around the world, is compounded by lack of inter-governmental co-operation in custody cases.
 Religion, differing cultural outlooks and what she sees as official US indifference also affect her plight.
 Mezo and two other American mothers in a similar position told Reuters that the US embassy had been less than helpful in a country which receives some \$2.3 billion a year in US aid.
 "They're bureaucrats," fumed Mezo. "They don't want to stick their necks out. If my children were adults, they would be considered hostages. But as minors they have no rights."
 A consular official said the Cairo embassy gave advice and often helped win access to children, but stressed that such cases were governed by Egyptian law.
 The US State Department said Egypt had not signed the Hague convention on the civil aspects of parental child abduction, in force in the United States since last year. It requires signatories to return abducted children to

their original abode where the issue of custody should be settled.
 The State Department said that in January it knew of nearly 700 active cases world-wide of child abduction involving US nationals.
 A spokeswoman said 246 were in Europe, 106 in Latin America, 78 in East Asia and 48 in Africa. There were 15 in mainly Muslim Egypt and 199 elsewhere in the Middle East.
 Parents like Mezo are banding together. A new pressure group, American children held hostage, wants parental child abduction made a US federal crime and tighter controls on illegal removal of minors from the country.
 A Cairo court will hear an application by Mezo for custody of her children on October 3.
 But it will also hear a custody application by their Egyptian grandmother on the ground that Mezo has turned her back on Islam, endangering the children's stability. Mezo insists she remains a Muslim.
 Courts normally grant custody of boys under the age of 13 and daughters under 16 to their mother, whatever her religion. But religion is sometimes a factor in family law in Egypt.
 Even if Mezo wins her custody battle, she will be prevented by law from taking the children out of Egypt without permission from their father, from whom she is separated but not divorced. Both parents have dual nationality.
 Mezo has drawn sympathy from an unexpected quarter — her husband's lawyer.
 "I have told my client I will not continue to represent him unless he allows Mrs Mezo access to the children," said Mergawi's Cairo lawyer, Mohammed Nabil Farhat. "It is her right," he said. "I feel for her."
 Irene Hecht, 34, a computer specialist, said her Egyptian husband had removed their six-year-old son from her home in the United States.

Rafsanjani wins landslide vote

TEHRAN, July 29. (AP): The expected landslide vote for Hashemi Rafsanjani as President and for constitutional changes that endow the post with more power was confirmed today as results rolled in from around the Islamic republic.
 Press reports cast the vote for both Rafsanjani and the amendments as evidence that the goals of the Islamic revolution espoused by the late Ayatollah Khomeini are thriving.
 But the voters seemed just to want the economy to improve.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency said Rafsanjani, 54, received eight million of a total of 8.5 million votes counted, 12 hours after the polling stations closed.
 That would give the middle-ranking cleric who has emerged as Iran's strongman since Khomeini's June 3 death, 94 per cent of the votes from 124 constituencies.
 The agency also said that 97 per cent of the voters approved constitutional amendments in a referendum held alongside the election.
 The preliminary results excluded votes cast in Tehran, a city of seven million people, IRNA said.
 ■ Former Iranian Prime Minister Shapur Bakhtiar today denounced Iran's presidential poll and said the West was wrong if it thought it had found a "man of dialogue" in Rafsanjani.
 Bakhtiar, prime minister of the late Shah until he was overthrown, in 1979, told French Radio: "In a country where there is no democracy the elections are nonsense."
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Village Beirut ablaze; 8 killed

BEIRUT, July 29. (Agencies): Only one-sixth of Beirut's 1.5 million residents remained in the city today as Syrian and Christian gunners battered the area with rocket fire, killing eight people and wounding 42, police said.
 Fires blazed out of control and palls of thick black smoke billowed from gaping holes that rockets and shells made in apartment buildings in both Muslim and Christian sectors.
 The new casualties raised the overall toll to 502 killed and 2,056 wounded in the 19-week confrontation between Christian forces and Syrian Army gunners.
 A police spokesman, who cannot be named under regulations, estimated that only about 250,000 people remain in the city, the rest having fled to safer areas or abroad.
 Most of Beirut's residents have left to South Lebanon, the eastern Bekaa Valley and the mountain resorts northeast of the city to escape the deadly shelling duels, the spokesman said.
 Muslim and Christian radio stations interrupted regular programming early in the day to report that shelling duels were continuing across a mountain range southeast of the capital.
 "The fight started very early today," the Muslim-run Voice of the Nation radio reported in a news flash.
 The Christian-controlled Voice of Lebanon radio urged civilians to "take maximum precaution because the shelling might escalate and spread to other areas."

No trade: Hezbollah

Egypt terms kidnap terrorism

BEIRUT, July 29. (Agencies): A senior Hezbollah official today dismissed as "incomprehensible and strange" any notion of swapping a Shiite cleric abducted by Israel for a US Marine kidnapped in southern Lebanon 17 months ago.
 Sheikh Abbas Musawi, a highly placed clergyman in the Iranian-backed Hezbollah, said yesterday's abduction of Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid by Israeli commandos is worthy of reprisals.
 "By attacking the Muslim clergy, Israel has violated the immunity of religious people and granted us the right to strike at Jewish clergymen," he told reporters at his home in Beirut's southern suburbs.
 Israel and its people "will have to bear the severe and dangerous consequences of the act of kidnapping," he said.



Sheikh Abbas Musawi

Musawi also dismissed any connection between Obeid's abduction and the cases of Lt Colonel William R. Higgins and three Israeli soldiers "who were taken rightfully by Lebanon's Muslims defending themselves."
 "I don't see any link," Musawi said. "Any attempt to link the fate of the Israeli prisoners and William R. Higgins with the case of the kidnapped Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid is an incomprehensible and strange matter."
 "We have the right to capture Israeli troops and an American spy (Higgins) operating in our territory. Their mere presence in southern Lebanon is in itself an act of aggression."
 In a daring predawn operation, helicopter-borne Israeli commandos raided a southern Lebanese village yesterday and abducted Obeid and two of his relatives.
 About 25 commandos dragged Obeid and his companions from the clergyman's house in the village of Jibsheh, 10 miles (16 km) north of the Israeli border.
 Israel's action was translated as an attempt to put pressure on Hezbollah to exchange Obeid and his companions for three Israeli servicemen captured by the fundamentalist group in 1986. Some analysts spoke of a broader deal that would include Higgins, if he is still alive.
 Musawi justified the rejection of a swap, saying such a deal would encourage Israel to carry out more aggressions in the future.
 "And this we will never allow," he said.
 The black-bearded cleric also lashed out at Britain and the United States, calling their indirect condemnation of the Israeli action "nothing but pretensions that they want peace."
 In Washington, President Bush criticised the Israeli operation, saying, "I don't think kidnapping and violence helps the cause of peace."
 While in London, a Foreign Office spokesman said the British government has called on the Israeli authorities to release the three prisoners.
 Egypt today denounced Israel's abduction as a terrorist act and said it could lead to more violence in the Middle East.
 "What Israel has done is an act of terrorism (that should be) denounced by the international community," Minister of State for

Pakistan for 'Kashmir'

ISLAMABAD, July 29. (Reuters): Pakistan said today it would continue backing self-rule for the people of Kashmir, reaffirming Islamabad's opposition to the India's claim on the Himalayan state.
 Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's foreign affairs and national security adviser, Iqbal Akhund, told parliament Pakistan would not abandon its stand on Kashmir while seeking a normalisation of ties with India.
 "We stand by the Kashmiris and we welcome not to abandon them till they... get their right of self-determination," he said.
 Two of the three wars between the neighbouring countries since independence from Britain in 1947 were fought over Kashmir, two-thirds of which is controlled by India and the rest by Pakistan.
 Delhi regards the whole of Kashmir as an integral part of India, but Islamabad wants the mostly Muslim Kashmir to decide in a United Nations-proposed plebiscite whether to join Islamic Pakistan or Hindu-majority India.
 "Whatever the Indian leadership might say, Kashmir is not an integral part of India," Akhund said in his speech to the Senate (Upper House).
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Warsaw, July 29. (Reuters): General Wojciech Jaruzelski resigned as leader of the Polish Communist Party today and was replaced by Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski, the official news agency Papi reported.
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 The leadership change ended nearly eight years of rule by Jaruzelski who became first secretary on October 18, 1981, and led Poland through one of its most turbulent postwar decades.
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Rains and floods grip Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, July 29, (KUNA): Heavy rains and floods have gripped three of Pakistan's four provinces, causing considerable loss of life and large-scale damage to standing crops.

An estimated 41 people have lost their lives due to rains and floods in the provinces of Sindh and Punjab in the last five days. Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, suffered most in terms of casualties as 25 persons became fatal victims of torrential monsoon rains in a four-day deluge during which nearly 200 millimetres of rainfall was recorded.

The deaths took place by drowning, house collapses and electrocution.

Large tracts of fertile lands in Sindh districts of Hyderabad, Larkana, Badin and Khairpur and Punjab districts of Sialkot and Sheikhupura were inundated, forcing hundreds of thousands of villagers to leave their hearths and homes for safety. A 100-foot wide breach in Sindh submerged about 20 villages.

Worst effected crops were those of sugarcane and cotton.



Benazir Bhutto

Bhutto predicts continued Afghan warfare

WASHINGTON, July 29, (AP): Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto predicts intensified war in the coming months between Afghanistan government forces and anti-communist rebels who, she says, "prefer to fight."

"I had hoped that political initiative would begin and we could work for a political settlement, but in its absence... it does seem as though the military activities will pick up between now and when the next snows fall in November," Ms. Bhutto said in a

US Cable News Network interview aired yesterday. The interview was taped earlier this month in Paris, when the prime minister and other government leaders gathered for the French Revolution bicentennial.

She said she has personally confirmed that the rebel leadership, now formed as an interim government, will not negotiate with Soviet-installed Afghan leaders in Kabul. "They are not prepared to discuss anything with

(Afghan President) Najibullah or the hardline PDPA" Party he heads, she said. "They were very firm in saying to me that, one, they are the symbol of Soviet rule, and, two, that there have been so many atrocities that it would be difficult for their followers to accept them negotiating, so that's out of the question...they prefer to fight."

During her Washington visit and speech to Congress earlier this year, Ms. Bhutto had talked of a political settlement in Afghanistan.

The prime minister also asserted to Congress that Pakistan does not have nuclear weapons and has no intention of possessing them.

Asked why Pakistan doesn't support her plea by agreeing to inspection of its atomic facilities, she suggested in the interview that the United States presses joint nuclear nonproliferation measures on India, her country's traditional rival, as well as Pakistan.

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India withdraws light brigade

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continue tomorrow and Monday.

He gave no further details but a diplomatic source said Wijeratne and India's Narasimha Rao barely progressed beyond preliminaries in the first session.

The talks were a condition of the agreement and are to cover security of all communities in the predominantly Tamil northeast as well as setting a schedule for the Indian troop withdrawal.

In Trincomalee, departing soldiers strode aboard the Indian troop carrier Magar carrying their rifles. Some said they had been told of their departure only hours earlier would sail for Madras, a south Indian port.

"About 600 are leaving

today," said Indian force commander Gen Amarjit Kalkat, in comments to reporters at Trincomalee harbour, 236 kilometres (147 miles) northeast of Colombo.

Sri Lankan Army Gen Hamilton Wanasinghe, whose troops are based in Trincomalee and the rest of the troubled northeast, said: "This is a token gesture and the rest will follow."

India, which has always maintained it had no intention of remaining indefinitely, had already withdrawn several thousand soldiers and pulled out an additional 5,000 shortly after Premadasa became President.

State-run television reported yesterday that Premadasa's troops shot and killed at least 74 people who violated a nation-



A soldier checks a car in Colombo during an islandwide curfew today to prevent anti-Indian protest. (Reuters wirephoto)

wide curfew to denounce the Indian presence and the Sri Lankan government.

But Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne, just before leaving

Colombo for the negotiations in New Delhi, said the actual toll may have been between 100 and 150 dead. He said most of those killed were Sinhalese radicals.

Polish president resigns party post

WARSAW, Poland, July 28, (AP): President Wojciech Jaruzelski resigned today as the head of the Communist Party he has led since 1981 and was replaced by outgoing Prime Minister Mieczyslaw F. Rakowski, the PAP news agency announced.

Rakowski was elected by a vote of 171 to 41, PAP said.

The resignation fulfilled a promise Jaruzelski made before becoming president July 19.

The selection of the 62-year-old Rakowski culminated a remarkable political rise by the politician, who joined the politburo only in December 1987 after having been dropped from the government in 1985. In recent months he has been roundly criticized for his government's handling of the economy.

A party member with a long reputation as a reformer, in the past year Rakowski has become the champion of conservative elements in the party and those concerned about the rising influence of Solidarity.

The only remaining major question facing the plenum appeared to be who will replace Rakowski as prime minister.

Potential candidates appeared to be politburo member Wladyslaw Baka, Ireneusz Sekula, now deputy prime minister and a Rakowski loyalist, or Roman Malinowski, the leader of the allied United Peasant Party.

Malinowski might help ensure cohesion inside the shaky communist-led parliamentary coalition and would be the first non-communist to head an East bloc government since the late 1940s.

Baka quit yesterday as party secretary in charge of the economy. It was unclear if he was resigning to take over the government or whether he was simply leaving — as a party spokesman said — to protest the economic record of the Rakowski government.

Rakowski assumed the government in October and submitted his resignation this month when the new parliament was seated.

The second day of the two-day plenum began today by wrapping up a discussion on the party's future.

According to the official PAP news agency, the plenum adopted a resolution declaring the party's willingness to work with the independent Solidarity trade union movement and with the 260 Solidarity lawmakers chosen by the voters in June.

As a result of the country's most democratic elections since World War II, the formerly banned Solidarity now controls 99 out of 100 seats in the new freely elected Senate and 161 of the 460 seats in the Sejm, or lower house.

The resolution reaffirmed the party's January decision to legalize Solidarity and "defined conditions" needed to improve the economy, PAP said, without elaborating.

Jaruzelski was expected to present his choice for prime minister Monday for approval by the Sejm.

In the past, the central committee has always approved the nominee to head the government, although it is not required under the constitution. Jaruzelski as president theoretically could propose the candidate unilaterally.

Government economic policies came under fire for the second time in two days today, this time in a speech by central committee member Jan Glowczyk. Yesterday, it was attacked by Baka.

Glowczyk said that the government had drastically squandered society's confidence and the party was being blamed for its mistakes. He cited a poll saying 72 per cent of the people had faith in the government in November compared to 35 per cent in July.

"Today it is necessary to choose between the government and society," said Glowczyk. "We must do that comrades."



A different drummer

A young man takes advantage of a warm sunny day to sit under a tree in London's Green Park and practise on a bongo drum. Weather in southeast England has been unusually hot and dry for the last two months. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tourists attacked: For the fifth time in 11 months, tourists watching African wildlife in a Kenyan game park have been ambushed, authorities said.

An American woman was shot dead and an American man was wounded in the latest assault, which happened at midday Thursday. They were shot and 17 of their companions were robbed by two men when they were held up while driving between the Amboseli and Tsavo National Parks, authorities said yesterday.

The two men, armed with AK-47 assault rifles, attacked the tour group on the 60-kilometre (40-mile) stretch of road between the parks. It was the latest in a series of assaults on foreign tourists. (AP)

Police hunt: Spanish police scoured Madrid today for a bald security guard with a squint whom they suspect of driving away with a cool \$2.7 million in cash.

The 40-year-old guard, a driver with a security firm, waited at the wheel of his armoured van yesterday afternoon while two colleagues went into a city-centre cake shop to collect a consignment of money, police said.

When the two came out, the van, carrying at least 320 million pesetas (\$2.7 million), had vanished. (Reuters)

Suspect charged: A 57-year-old man was charged today with one of Britain's biggest cash robberies, the 1983 heist of nearly 6 million pounds (then \$10 million) from Security Express, police said.

Frederick Foreman appeared before magistrates in London and was ordered held in custody pending his next court appearance yesterday, said Scotland Yard.

He did not apply for bail. Foreman, who was living on Spain's southern Costa Del Sol, returned to Britain under police escort last night after being expelled from Spain. He was arrested at Heathrow Airport. (AP)

To be moved: Eleven thousand more people are to be moved from areas affected by high levels of contamination from the Chernobyl disaster, more than three years after the world's worst nuclear accident.

Tass news agency said yesterday the Supreme Soviet, or parliament of the Byelorussian Republic was told that 11,600 people running the risk of being exposed to excessive radiation would be moved in the next five years.

At least 100,000 people were evacuated from the Ukraine and Byelorussia in the immediate aftermath of the explosion and fire at Chernobyl on April 26, 1986, which killed 31 people and sent radioactive particles floating across most of Europe. (Reuters)

State of emergency: California wildfires forced the evacuation of several communities and a university campus yesterday, and Idaho's governor declared a state of extreme emergency because of hundreds of forest fires there.

A wind-whipped brush fire swept through the foothills in central California, burning at least 1,000 acres (404 hectares), fire officials said.

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Fazle Haq transferred to judicial lock-up

ISLAMABAD, July 29, (KUNA): Late President Zia-ul-Haq's right-hand man and former military governor of North West Frontier Province General Fazle Haq, facing a murder charge, was today transferred from police custody to judicial lock-up in Peshawar.

The transfer was ordered by a magistrate of Peshawar city today when police produced Fazle Haq, now a member of the National Assembly, before him with a plea that it be allowed to keep Haq in its custody for more time in order to further interrogate him in connection with the murder last year of Shia leader Asif Hussaini.

Fazle Haq had already been in police custody for one week, under a 7-day police remand granted by a local magistrate.

The magistrate ordered that Fazle Haq, a retired lieutenant-general and a former chief minister of the province, be produced before him on July 31 in the Hussaini murder case in which he pleads innocent.

General Fazle Haq, a prominent member of the opposition Islami Jamhoori Ittehad (IJI) alliance, was arrested on July 22 when a Peshawar High Court cancelled his pre-arrest bail application granted to him earlier by Lahore High Court on July 11. On July 26 his bail petition filed in the Supreme Court, was also dismissed.

The IJI and other supporters of the disgraced general held a protest meeting in Peshawar city yesterday followed by a big procession.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES

WASHINGTON: Deaths from lung cancer continue to rise sharply among women in the United States, according to a new federal health report out here yesterday.

The report says the difference reflects a 35-year lag in the peak exposure to cigarettes, which cause 80 per cent of all lung cancer deaths.

For American men, that peak occurred before 1952, for women the peak exposure was in the 1960s. Lung cancer has surpassed breast cancer as the most common cause of cancer death among women in the US. (Reuters).

LOS ANGELES: A Mexican police officer was arrested yesterday in the 1985 torture-murder of US drug agent Enrique Camarena.

Juan Jose Bernabe-Ramirez, described as a police officer from the western state of Jalisco, was arrested Thursday in Los Angeles as he was about to return to Mexico, according to a US Drug Enforcement Administration affidavit.

The affidavit alleges that Bernabe told two undercover DEA agents he was present when reputed Mexican drug lord Rafael Caro-Quintero tortured Camarena. Last year, a jury in the United States convicted three men of the murders, including a former Mexican police officer, Raul Lopez-Alvarez. (AP).

FREELAND: Michigan: A chemical fire in a tank car finally burned itself out six days after the derailment of a CSX Transportation Inc. train, but about 200 residents remained evacuated yesterday.

"It was a lazy fire at times. We had introduced air... through an intake valve to intensify the burn" and speed up CSX spokesman R. Lindsay Leslie said.

Emergency crews pumped about 2,000 gallons of chlorosulfene out of the tank car while the chemical, a liquid used in silicon production, continued burning, he said. (AP)

SALZBURG, Austria: The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees today named conductor Riccardo Muti as an honorary ambassador to defend the rights of the world's 14 million refugees.

High Commissioner Jean-Pierre Hocke handed over a UN diplomatic passport to Muti, music director of La Scala in Milan and the Philadelphia Orchestra, who plans to conduct two benefit concerts for UNHCR and visit refugee camps around the world.

"The image of a musician generally living his life by himself, not caring about the problems of the world," Muti told a news conference in Salzburg, where he is conducting at the Salzburg Festival.

"I always believe that a real artist should be involved in social life, paying attention to the problems of mankind. (Reuters)

TUCSON, Arizona: A county official says people have made such a big deal about his reporting of marijuana pollen levels for allergy sufferers that he no longer will provide the data.

"It's just becoming an unduly great issue considering the fact the pollen is relatively insignificant in terms of our total counts," said Mark Seidler, who runs the Pima County health department's pollen- and mold-detecting programmes.

He said Thursday he would include marijuana pollen in the catch-all category of "other allergens" since the early 1980s, the pollen of cannabis sativa, or marijuana, has appeared on the list, published during the spring and summer to warn the allergy-prone of high pollen levels. (AP)

BAR HARBOR, Maine: The fire-damaged Jackson Laboratory is taking on a crash programme to replenish the nation's supply of rare research mice and gambling that tax money will keep it burning.

The world's leading producer of unusual laboratory mice is using all its resources on mouse production rather than rebuilding, its director said.

The fire two months ago at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor crippled medical research around the globe.

The laboratory is the world's leading centre for the study of mouse genetics. The fire on May 10 destroyed the laboratory's mouse production facilities and killed 400,000 research mice. (AP)

SCHAGEN, Netherlands: Skeletal remains believed to be those of a British soldier reportedly killed at the Battle of the Somme were stolen from a Dutch museum by a war veteran who says he's seeking a more dignified fate for the remains.

Draped in a vintage British military coat and posed in a trench mock-up, the skull and leg bones were the centrepiece of the Somme museum, a private collection of war memorabilia devoted to the 1916 World War I battle, in which more than one million British, French and German soldiers killed.

In a telephone interview, Korean war veteran John Blumling told the Associated Press that he walked into the museum Tuesday, wrapped the remains in a Union Jack and took them away. He said he plans to give them a military burial.

Police say they do not plan to file charges against Blumling. (AP)

JOHANNESBURG: A row over President P.W. Botha and a truck full of dead animals with his name on them appeared to subside yesterday.

An opposition member of parliament demanded this week that Botha and his entire cabinet resign because a police vehicle was used to transport the animals — 10 antelope and a cow — for Botha after a game hunt.

This was illegal, said Fanie Jacobs of the ultra-rightist Conservative Party. Moreover, he said the vehicle had false number plates and the driver was not authorised to transport dead meat.

Each of the animals was clearly labelled "State President P.W. Botha." (Reuters)

TOKYO: The Soviet Union has proposed developing a spacecraft with Japan. Japanese officials said yesterday.

The proposals were made last Tuesday when six Soviet officials from the Soviet Space Agency Glavkosmos, and Energia, the Soviet Space and Industry Corporation, visited Japan's National Space Development Agency (NASDA), an agency official said.

Among the proposals, the delegates said the Soviet Union is ready to provide Japan with technology to manufacture the Energia rocket, the world's largest rocket that is capable of launching an 18-tonne payload into space, or export to Japan a rocket that can lift a payload of about two tonnes into orbit, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. (AP)

ST PAUL, Minnesota: Explorer Will Steger and his international trans-Antarctica expedition team were into the second day yesterday of their \$11-million, 4,000-mile (6,400-kilometres), seven-month traverse of the continent.

Steger and his five foreign companions left from the northwestern tip of the Antarctic peninsula on Thursday, five days ahead of schedule on a quest to alert the world to environmental dangers.

An American ABC Television network field producer and a three-person film crew from France loaded their own sled and mushed after the expedition team to record its first week on the ice. (AP)

ANCHORAGE, Alaska: Mount McKinley in Alaska appears to be 14 feet (four metres) shorter than previously thought, the national parks service said yesterday.

Spokesman John Quinley said a geospatial team from the University of Alaska had found the elevation of North America's highest peak to be 20,306 feet (6,190 metres), not 20,320 feet (6,194 metres), its official height since 1954.

Robert Selfert, head mountain ranger at Denali National Park, said the new measurement still left the mountain, which attracts climbers from around the world, with the highest peak title.

Three Britons and three Japanese have died climbing the mountain this year. (Reuters)

MOSCOW: The next manned mission to the Soviet Space Station Mir will start in mid-September and take two cosmonauts up for several months of research and a space walk, Tass said yesterday.

The space station has been empty of crew since April. Tass said two crews are training for the flight. (AP)

BOSTON: The state revenue department, which last year began taxing bookies, prostitutes and drug dealers, now is considering a tax on the profits of illegal drug sales.

The programme, expected to take effect this fall, is an outgrowth of a year-old state effort to collect taxes on income derived from illegal sources. The new programme would levy a 5 per cent tax on narcotics profits.

Revenue officials began collecting state income tax on criminal profits in 1988, issuing \$128,000 in bills. Last fiscal year, the Revenue Department billed bookies, prostitutes and drug dealers for more than \$2.1 million. (UPI)

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher left the hospital on Saturday after recovering from a mild heart attack, the Foreign Ministry said.

Genscher, 62, went straight home to prepare for a five-week vacation with his wife, Barbara, a ministry spokesman said.

Genscher, who took office in 1974 and is the West's longest-serving foreign minister, was taken ill at home on July 20 and rushed to the hospital. (Reuters wirephoto)

Genacher home

'Oh, Calcutta' cast will take it all off for last time Aug 6

NEW YORK, July 29, (AP): They're baring all for the last time.

"Oh, Calcutta," Broadway's long-running nude revue, will close Aug 6 after a run of 5,959 performances. Executive Producer Maria Di Dia announced yesterday.

"It's been an exciting ride, and I'm sad to see it end," said Ms Di Dia. "But I'm also happy because no one ever expected this show to succeed."

The current edition of the show opened

Sept 24, 1976, at the Edison Theatre. It was the second major incarnation for the revue, which premiered originally in 1969 at off-Broadway's Eden Theatre, moved in 1971 to Broadway's Belasco Theatre and ran there until the following year.

The show has been seen by more than 85 million people in 18 countries, according to Ms Di Dia, and has grossed more than \$350 million.

Among the more than 1,400 performers who appeared in various productions of



Soviet Deputy Prime Minister Alexandra Biryukova (right) is shown a ladies blazer by British Industry Minister Lord Trefgarne while visiting a downtown London department store. (Reuters wirephoto).

Soviets tall order

Shopping spree worth millions.

LONDON, July 29, (Reuters): A Soviet Deputy Premier said yesterday she ordered 100 million pounds (\$165 million) worth of consumer goods, ranging from toothpaste to pantyhose, for her compatriots squeezed by the worst shortages in decades.

Deputy Prime Minister Alexandra Biryukova, a top-ranking member of the ruling Communist Party Politburo and the top-ranked woman in the Soviet government, said her five-member delegation also visited more than 20 companies and agreed to several joint ventures.

Mrs Biryukova was leading a delegation of five ministers on a visit this week to promote Soviet-British trade. The delegation said its purchases, most for delivery by the end of this year, were required by severe shortages of basic consumer items in the Soviet Union.

Mrs Biryukova, the Soviet leader in charge of social development, said her government was making the emergency purchases abroad after deciding to delay price reforms intended to invigorate the Soviet's own consumer goods industry.

"We realize the problem of saturating our market with consumer goods is something which has to be addressed very closely," she said.

Reforms instigated by President Mikhail Gorbachev have gone a long way toward opening the

political system but have done little to improve the groaning Soviet economy. Several leaders have warned of mass unrest unless consumer goods become more available.

The delegation ordered 50 million pair of pantyhose, 1.7 million pair of women's shoes, coffee, toothpaste, shaving blades, cassette tapes, soap, women's clothing and other goods.

It also purchased 35 million rubles (\$55 million) worth of drugs, but did not give specific values for other goods that made up the total.

The delegation topped off its weeklong trip with a visit to Marks and Spencer, the department store chain favoured by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and millions of budget-conscious Britons.

Mrs Biryukova visited the sales floor, a training class and the staff restaurant, where she drank a cup of tea, director Nigel Colne told the Associated Press.

The deputy prime minister gave no details of the joint ventures. Soviet Embassy officials did not return calls and British officials said they did not know details of the agreements.

Mrs Biryukova described her meeting Wednesday with Thatcher as friendly and constructive, saying they had discussed the two countries' trade target set last year.

'She ain't afraid of no ghost'

Ghostbuster fans cash in

NEW YORK, July 29, (Reuters): When those big-screen "ghostbusters" returned this summer to battle fiendish slime pulsing up through the sidewalks of New York, two Harlem schoolgirls decided to get in on the act by making their own slime.

Alicia and Miya Bankhead, 10 and 8 respectively, set up a sidewalk stand in the city's Greenwich village section to sell their homemade "slime 'n eggs".

Unlike the film's slime, which is pink, their slime, packaged in a plastic egg, comes in 13 colours — ranging from salmon to pistachio — and a clear variety that glows in the dark.

"Once you play with it, you can't keep your hands off it," said Miya, who wore a red Fez emblazoned with the words "keeper of the slime".

The sisters are fans of a Ghostbusters cartoon show on television. After seeing the original Ghostbusters movie last winter, they bought some commercially produced slime at a toy store.

Then their father, a chemistry teacher, told them he could make slime from scratch.

"The first time my father made some it was like a miracle," recalled Miya.

"Dad gave the girls the formula — water and food colouring mixed with sodium borate and polyvinyl alcohol, which are available at standard chemical supply houses — and before long the sound of cash registers resounded loudly in their heads.

"I thought we could sell it and everybody could have homemade slime," said Alicia.

The girls can make the slime right before your eyes.

After a customer chooses a colour, they add a little sodium borate and food colour with an eye dropper to the polyvinyl alcohol they have squirted into a small bowl from a soapdish container. Then they

mix the two and scoop out the resulting slime into a plastic egg.

Children play with the slime by squeezing it and tossing it around.

Chemistry seems to come naturally to the girls, who are more than willing to recite the slime formula for customers. So does the entrepreneurial spirit. A good day, they told Reuters, can bring them \$100.

Two ounces (56 grammes) sell for \$2, four ounces cost \$3.

The Bankhead girls had not seen the summer film hit "Ghostbusters II", although they used a poster of the movie to promote their cottage industry.

The use of the Ghostbuster logo and the term "slime" could create some potentially sticky legal problems for the family. "Ghostbusters" is copyrighted by its studio, Columbia Pictures, and "slime" is a trademark of Mattel, which once made a slime of its own.

When informed of the bootleg slime, however, a lawyer at Columbia Pictures replied: "What am I supposed to do, prosecute these kids?"

Glenn Bozarth, a spokesman for Mattel, reacted with similar disinterest. "It sounds like kids having fun and we're certainly not going to interrupt that," Bozarth said.

And the girls seem not to be haunted by bogeyman, legal or otherwise, who may be lurking in the wings.

Asked whether they believed in ghosts, Miya replied with an emphatic "no," Alicia acknowledged the existence of paranormal beings, although she apparently isn't intimidated by them.

Quoting a line from the popular Ghostbusters theme song, the little slime-maker declared: "I ain't afraid of no ghost."

New treatment possible

Answers to cancers

BERKELEY, California, July 29, (UPI): Reducing the body's production of cholesterol, already a main villain in heart disease, can prevent a maverick protein from triggering the uncontrollable growth that leads to cancer, two scientists say.

In a surprising and promising development, the California researchers found that reducing cholesterol production in a cell can prevent a defective form of a vital human protein from setting off the growth that can lead to deadly tumours.

Called RAS, the protein has been linked to the development of several cancers, including colorectal and pancreatic, two of the most deadly tumours among US victims, the University of California, Berkeley, and Lawrence Berkeley laboratory researchers wrote in Friday's Journal Science.

"Our findings opens new avenues for investigating these cancers and potentially for treating them with cholesterol-reducing drugs, which are safer than current therapies," said Jasper Rine, associate

professor of genetics. Scientists think the normal RAS protein — which has already gotten a great deal of attention because it apparently plays a key role in the regulation of cell growth — provides the vital signals to cells to start and stop dividing.

But a defective form of the protein — found in pancreatic, colorectal and several other cancers — apparently acts like a switch stuck in the "on" position, signalling cells to divide indefinitely and leading to cancer.

When the defective protein was deprived of cholesterol, it could no longer transmit the signal that begins cell division, the scientists found.

"We have uncovered a novel approach for investigating and possibly stopping the growth of tumours that are the product of RAS oncoproteins," said Sung-Hou Kim, a chemistry professor and director of the chemical bio-dynamics division of the Lawrence Lab.

Sexy is in, power dressing is out

PARIS, July 29, (AP): Sexy, rather than power dressing, is the idea this season as couture designers unveil extravagant clothes in opulent fabrics for the winter of 1989-90.

Most countries have backed off from the big padded shoulder, after Christian Lacroix led the way two seasons ago, burying shoulders under big fitcha wraps.

But in showings last week, it was clear that at least two designers — Saint Laurent and Givenchy — still believe that padding gives the right shape to suit jackets.

Skirt lengths are irrelevant. The many knee-length skirts still look appealing for those with good legs, especially when the skirts are given the tulip-wrap treatment.

But some longer lengths looked fine too, at influential houses like Saint Laurent and Chanel.

Though it costs hundreds of thousands of dollars to produce and show the couture collections, and only a few women can afford the outfits costing well upwards of \$10,000, couture is considered useful.

The showy clothes serve as prototypes for luxury ready-to-wear, and give a house and its designer an image and reputation to fuel sales of everything from accessories to makeup and perfume.

There was a lot of "retro" around at the shows, not the least at the house of Dior, where the Italian designer, Gianfranco Ferré, took a look at the first Dior new look of 1947 and whipped up his own version.

Although a newcomer to the Paris shows, Ferré won the season's top couture prize, The Golden Thimble, for his beautifully constructed clothes with dashes of daring like sequined chevron-trimmed suits.

Like Karl Lagerfeld, who wears several hats, designing under his own label as well as for Chanel, Ferré will keep his ready-to-wear operations for men and women in Milan, Italy.

Ferré's Dior evening wear with huge organza bows at the neck, the tulle and wasp-waisted dresses with stiffened full underskirts, plus ornamental bouquets of lilies of valley looked worthy of Christian Dior himself. Or worthy of Cecil Beaton, the late photographer of the rich and royal, to whom Ferré dedicated this collection.

However, some customers didn't buy all of Ferré's ideas. A customer from Texas in the United States, who has her own mannequin for fittings at Dior, said: "No way I'd buy those complicated clothes. They're too bulky for packing."

Another Italian, Gianni Versace, had the best word of the week, placing his "atelier" costume models on headless mannequins in the Jacquemart-Andre Museum.

The party was attended by several celebrity-fans like Joan Collins, dressed in form-fitting ruby satin, Marisa Berenson in a head-embroidered versace tunic, and French film star Isabelle Huppert in an easy-fitted beige silk dress.

Christian Lacroix' offhand mixing of fabrics in his short fitted suits, his trapeze-shapes and big accessories showed him in good form, though some observers thought this was not his best collection.

In his mixed bag of fabrics, Lacroix paired a brown satin coat with a robin's egg blue bandana head scarf, putting pink sleeves on a gold brocade suit with fitted jacket. Easier to wear was the Bordeaux fitted long velvet coat dress with large rhinestone buttons.

Saint Laurent's fans were glad to know that he kept his daytime wear strictly conservative, with a sharply-tailored silhouette, long or bolero jackets with padded shoulders, a few blouses and several flowing capes.

Most of Saint Laurent's evening wear had a touch of magic.

Book has recipes a doctor will love

Low-cholesterol cooking

BOSTON, July 29, (UPI): Hungry? How about a some chocolate soufflé? Or maybe a slice of mocha cheesecake? No! You're watching what you eat because your cholesterol is too high? Guess what? Even your doctor would love these desserts.

The recipes are from the "American Heart Association Low-Fat, Low-Cholesterol Cookbook," a new culinary guide for the cholesterol-conscious eater.

For only \$18.95, you could learn how to indulge in "port with savory sauce," "baked potatoes with vegetable topping," "spicy chicken fajitas" and other mouth-watering selections with a clear conscience.

"I've tried some of them," said Dr Scott Grundy, a leading cholesterol expert who edited the book. "They taste good."

Grundy, director of the Centre for Human Nutrition at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas, thought up the idea about three years ago, he said.

"Most people's high cholesterol is on the basis of their diet," said Grundy. "If the whole country would follow the programme and recipes in this book, we'd have much lower cholesterol in this country."

As many as 60 million people in the United States are believed to have blood levels of cholesterol, a type of fat that can accumulate inside arteries, setting the stage for heart attacks — the nation's No. 1 killer.

Most people could prevent high blood cholesterol or lower high blood cholesterol levels by making changes in what they eat. Although there are other low-cholesterol recipe books on the market, they tend to be "a little misguided" or were put together by people who did not have the expertise that was available for this book, Grundy said.

"All of these recipes were tested and developed and worked on. Therefore we think they are tastier than a lot of cookbook recipes," said Grundy.

The book contains 200 recipes designed and tested by a team of nutritionists to be tasty, nutritious and low in cholesterol by reducing their fat content. Many use skim milk instead of whole milk, for example, or cocoa instead of chocolate.

Each recipe is accompanied by a nutrient analysis aimed at making it easy for people to keep track of the amount of saturated and unsaturated fats they eat, as well as their salt, calorie, protein and carbohydrate intake.

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Suspected spy Felix Bloch arrived at his daughter's home in Chappaqua on Thursday. The career diplomat suspected of espionage, told investigators the USSR paid him "a lot of money". (Reuter wirephoto)



Felix Bloch walks his dog with the FBI escorting him through the neighbourhood in Westchester County. (Reuter wirephoto)

Bloch agonised over co-operating: paper

NEW YORK, July 28, (Reuter): Felix Bloch, the US diplomat suspected of spying for Moscow but not charged, had been "agonising" over whether to co-operate with investigators, until the case was made public, the New York Times reported today.

The paper quoted an unnamed official as saying that Bloch had been uncertain how much government investigators knew until he learned from the news media that the probe began only recently. Such knowledge would have strengthened him in dealing with the government, the official said.

The New York Times said it was a common play of investigators to hint to suspects that more was known of their activities than they could guess. This had prompted some suspects in the past to make damaging admissions, it said.

Bloch, formerly the number two diplomat at the US embassy in Vienna, is on paid leave from the State Department but has not been arrested or charged with any crime.

Meanwhile, President George Bush has expressed concern that news leaks may jeopardise a reported espionage investigation

Fake news trends stir fears in US media

WASHINGTON, July 29, (Reuter): A television technique of faking video coverage of news events — brought sharply into focus in the case of alleged spy Felix Bloch — is sounding alarms in US broadcasting and journalism.

"I don't know what this is leading to, but it is (junk) television," said Dean (CQ) Mills, Dean of University of Missouri School of Journalism in Columbia, Missouri.

The debate over simulation heated up this week when ABC-TV anchorman Peter Jennings apologised to his viewers for failing to label video footage as fake.

The network neglected to identify from

the start that it had staged an event with actors in what appeared to be a Vienna street scene purporting to show Bloch, a State Department official under investigation for alleged espionage, passing a briefcase to a Soviet agent.

"I think it's an outrageous trend," Mills said in an interview. "The distinctions between journalism and entertainment are blurred enough in television and this blacks out any distinction."

It was a typical reaction from journalists and broadcasters interviewed about what some fear will be a trend perhaps internationally to "stimulate" news events

when genuine video or film footage is unavailable, or to save costs.

Reconstruction for TV of major events has been around for some time, mostly on documentaries or historical programmes.

But there is new concern about the trend spreading into news broadcasts with a high-tech ability to produce realistic images through computer graphics at a time when major US networks are fighting for an edge in a dwindling market.

Although Bloch is under suspension and investigation, no charges have been lodged against him. The Soviet Union denies he spied for them.

The woman returned from a vacation in Egypt and was questioned by Austrian authorities this week. Austria's top police official, Robert Danzinger, said, but this yielded no evidence she suspected anything about Bloch.

Danzinger said yesterday that a suspected KGB agent who may have been a contact man for Bloch travelled to Vienna several times in the past 10 years on false Finnish papers.

"We assume he worked for the KGB", Danzinger said.

He served there for two years after transferring from West Berlin where he was economic-commercial and trade promotion officer in the US mission from 1970 to 1974.

In Austria, where Bloch served from 1980 to 1987 as No 2 official in the US embassy, Interior Minister Franz Loeckenschlag confirmed news reports that Bloch had a friendship with a Viennese woman over a period of several years. Austrian officials earlier described her as a callgirl.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Bomb factory found: British security forces uncovered an Irish Republican Army bomb factory after raiding a house in Belfast, police said yesterday.

They said IRA guerrillas may have planned to use the house as a base for a battle on the city centre next month — the 20th anniversary of the arrival of British troops in Northern Ireland.

The IRA is fighting to end British rule in the north and unite it with the Irish Republic.

A police spokesman said one man was detained in the raid on Thursday night.

The security forces found 150 pounds (60 kg) of home-made explosive, detonator cord and nuts and bolts which could be packed round bombs as shrapnel. (Rtr)

Car bomb explodes: A car bomb, believed detonated by Basque separatists, injured two policemen and a passerby on Saturday, a police spokesman said.

The explosion occurred at 2.10 am as a police car patrolled its routine route, according to the spokesman, who was not identified in keeping with custom.

The blast damaged several nearby cars and shattered windows, he said. No group immediately claimed responsibility, but the police spokesman said the blast bore the hallmark of the Basque separatist group ETA, which seeks independence from Spain for the three-province northern Basque region.

In its 21-year violent campaign for independence ETA has claimed responsibility for killing more than 600 people, mainly police, military and civil guard officers. (AP)

'William Tell' extradited: A convicted Nazi war criminal dubbed "William Tell" was extradited from Switzerland to West Germany yesterday, the Justice Department said.

Gottfried Weise, 68, was handed over to two West German officials at Bern airport. He was then flown by helicopter to West Germany, accompanied by the officials and a doctor.

He was arrested in Switzerland after three months on the run, having jumped bail in West Germany.

Weise, an SS guard at the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland during World War Two, was called William Tell by camp inmates for his practice of shooting tin cans off prisoners' heads.

Police seized Weise at a hospital in Tübingen Tuesday following a tip-off that he had gone there under a false name for treatment after a stroke. (Rtr)

Albanians charged: Yugoslav authorities charged 21 ethnic Albanians in troubled Kosovo province yesterday with posing a "counter-revolutionary" threat to public order.

Tanjug news agency said 19 adults and two minors, all of Albanian nationality, were indicted by a public prosecutor in the Kosovo town of Gnjane.

The term "counter-revolutionary" is used in Yugoslavia to describe Albanian nationalists and separatists in Kosovo, an autonomous province of the Serbian republic, bordering Albania.

Kosovo was the scene of ethnic riots in March and May this year in which 25 people were killed, scores wounded and hundreds of rioters jailed. (Rtr)

Petition for reform: Czechoslovak authorities announced on Friday that six dissidents whose homes were searched by police on Thursday are under investigation for sedition in connection with a petition for democratic reform signed by more than 11,500 people.

If charged and convicted, the activists could face up to five years in jail. Activists Petr Uhl reported late Thursday that six dissidents had had their homes searched by police, who confiscated documents. He said the searches appeared directed against Obroda, a new reform communist group and the petition, which urges the entrenched communist authorities to adopt democratic reforms.

By the middle of this week, more than 11,500 people had signed the petition, which began circulating last month, Uhl said. (AP)

Alarm system dismantled: The dismantling of the alarm system and fencing has been completed on nearly half of Hungary's 260-kilometre (160-mile) border with Austria, an official said.

The work on removing the "iron curtain" between communist Hungary and neutral Austria, which started in May, has progressed more swiftly than planned, said Balazs Novaki, deputy commander-in-chief of the Hungarian Frontier Guards.

Hungarian leaders presented US President George Bush with a piece of the barbed wire from the border fence when he visited Budapest earlier this month.

Novaki told a news conference at the border town of Keszeg that 117 kilometres (75 miles) of the system have been removed, the state news agency MTI reported. The alarm system and double wire fence ran along the entire border. (AP)

'Salvage parts used in DC engines'

No evidence of 'scrap'

SIoux CITY, Iowa, July 29, (UPI): An investigation into the crash of United Airlines Flight 232 has found no evidence aircraft engine maker General Electric used salvaged parts, a national Transportation Safety Board spokesman said.

On Thursday, Congressman John Dingell, Democrat of Michigan and chairman of the House of Representatives energy and commerce subcommittee, asked the Federal Aviation Administration to investigate reports that scrap parts were used in the engine of the DC-10 that crashed July 19 in Sioux City with the loss of 111 lives.

Dingell said the General Accounting Office found GE has been using salvage parts bought at Kelly Air Force base in San Antonio, Texas.

GE has denied scrap parts were used in the jet engines and NTSB spokesman Ted Lopatkiewicz said no evidence has been found his agency's separate probe to support Dingell's allegations.

NTSB agents have been pouring over manufacturing records at GE's Evandale, Ohio, plant for a week, Lopatkiewicz said.

"They're looking through the manufacturing history of the fan assembly components and at this time we've found nothing about scrap parts," he said.

The investigation into the crash is centred on the tail engine, which the flight crew said exploded and was believed to have severed hydraulic lines controlling the DC-10.

With the loss of hydraulic power, pilot Al Haynes was forced to steer the aircraft with only engine thrust. The jetliner clipped one wing upon landing, sending the jet cartwheeling down the runway.

Parts from the tail engine have been found, but the 3-foot-wide (1-m) fan rotor that may have tore through the hydraulic lines in the tail has so far eluded searches.

Lopatkiewicz said the rotor parts are essential to the crash investigation and the search will continue until the piece or sections of the rotor are found.

What is left of the tail engine will be shipped from Sioux City to the GE plant next Tuesday, Lopatkiewicz said.

Meanwhile, 23 survivors from the crash remain hospitalised in Sioux City with four of them in critical condition.



Martian moon Phobos

A new picture of the Martian moon Phobos with the 'red planet' in the background, taken by the Russian spacecraft Phobos 1 from a distance of 200 kms on February 29 this year. Crater-ridden Phobos is 800 kms

from Mars, which is well over 100 million miles from Earth. A conference of 800 international scientists at Exeter University today heard that the Russians expect to land a robot on Mars by the turn of the century. (Reuter wirephoto)

Flight recorders of Korean DC-10 found

TRIPOLI, July 29, (Reuter): The flight recorders of the Korean Airlines (KAL) DC-10 which crashed at Tripoli airport, killing 78 people, have been found but it will take time to analyse them, a Libyan official said today.

Seven Libyans on the ground were among those killed when the plane with 197 people aboard ploughed through houses and orchards in thick early-morning mist on Thursday.

Mustafa Maghrebi, head of a Libyan commission of inquiry, told Reuters that neither Libya nor a visiting team of KAL experts had the

means to interpret the recordings.

"We will probably ask a European country to work on them," Maghrebi said at Tripoli airport.

Maghrebi's commission and the KAL team, led by company chairman Cho Choong-Hoon, listened today to the tape of exchanges between the pilot and the control tower but apparently came to no conclusions.

The Libyan official confirmed the pilot's last remark was "I am going to land" at about 7.15 am (0513 GMT). The recording was clear and there was no distortion in the communication system, he added.

The pilot, who has not been named, was injured in the crash but is out of danger, hospital sources said.

Airport and KAL sources said survivors with injuries would probably leave Tripoli this evening for Seoul, where they will continue their treatment.

In Seoul, a KAL spokesman said a second plane had left for Libya with medical supplies and 41 coffins. The plane which brought Cho and the rest of the KAL team on Friday was carrying 38 coffins.

Hospital and treated for dehydration and severe sunburn. A hospital spokesman said they were in stable condition last night.

The Soviet ship, identified in the reference book Jane's Fighting Ships as the 274-foot (83 metre) Zaporozhye, spotted the three Cubans clinging to an inner tube and rescued them yesterday morning about 26 miles (41 kilometres) southeast of Cape Florida off Miami, the Coast Guard said.

The refugees identified themselves as Arsenio Gomez Hernandez, 46, of Havana,

his son Pedro Gomez Cruz, 17, of Camaguey and Arsenio's brother Humberto Valentin Gomez, 48, of Bahia Honda.

Junior Arluis Gomez, 20, cousin and nephew to the other three, was lost at sea.

They had secretly built a 12-foot (3.6 metre) wooden rowboat, which they loaded with supplies and ties to an inner tube from a tractor-trailer tyre. They set out last Saturday night.

The rowboat overturned Monday night in rough seas, spilling their provisions.

Top Soviet military adviser meets Bush

US leader seeks arms accord

WASHINGTON, July 29, (UPI): President George Bush met with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's top military adviser to express his desire for an early arms control agreement and to discuss reforms in the Soviet Union.

During the one-hour meeting yesterday in the Oval Office, Bush and retired Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev "exchanged views on a wide range of topics including the status of arms control negotiations," said White House spokesman B. Jay Cooper.

"The president reiterated his desire to see early agreement in these negotiations. He was particularly interested to hear the views of Marshal Akhromeyev on the relationship of domestic reform to Soviet security policy," Cooper said.

Also attending the meeting were Vice President Dan Quayle, Secretary of State James Baker, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft.

"The president and Marshal Akhromeyev discussed perestroika (Soviet economic reform policy) and the president took the opportunity to reiterate his support of President Gorbachev's reform programmes, the spokesman said.

Akhromeyev also told Bush he is confident that Soviet economic and labour troubles will be resolved, US Secretary of State James Baker said today.

"I have no reason to question that assessment," Baker said, adding he was eager to explore the matter in more detail with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

Baker was speaking aboard an Air Force jet on his way to Paris for an international peace conference on Cambodia.

He said he and Bush had discussed the recent Soviet miners' strike and other economic topics with Akhromeyev.

Baker is to meet Shevardnadze privately for about two hours today, before tomorrow's French-sponsored peace conference.

Earlier, Akhromeyev, the former chief of the Soviet general staff, charmed journalists at a National Press Club luncheon, deftly fielding questions and joking that he had nothing to do with Congress cutting Bush's defence budget request.

"I had no intention whatsoever of interfering in the internal affairs of the United States or especially the Congress," Akhromeyev said when asked if his unprecedented testimony to the House Armed Services Committee last week might have influenced Thursday's House vote to cut Bush's budget.

"I think your Congress is the kind of congress that doesn't even let the Americans interfere in its internal affairs," the Soviet quipped to a burst of laughter and applause.

Akhromeyev, 66, is scheduled to return home Saturday, ending a nine-day trip to the United States that took him to Capitol Hill, Wall Street, Chicago's financial district.

In response to questions at the Press Club, Akhromeyev asserted that Soviet policy no longer includes the use of force in Eastern Europe — even if Poland and Hungary were to decide at some point to withdraw from the Warsaw Pact.

"Our external politics now proceeds from the following basis: That force should be excluded from mutual relations that one might have with independent countries," he said.

"And secondly, that each nation has the full right to choose the social order under which it chooses to live.

"People of each country have the right to remain under a particular political system that they are living under or change it if they wish."

Pressed to say the Soviet Union would stand idly by Poland and Hungary decided to become neutral, Akhromeyev insisted, "They can be the kind of countries that they wish to become."

The Soviet did complain that US deployment of the B-2 bomber, which with high-technology radar-evading ability is supposed to render opponents' air defences obsolete, would lead only to counter-measures by his country.

"What happens in life is that for every action there is a reaction. So if the creation, development and the development of a B-2 bomber of the United States is an action, one way or another, there will be some sort of reaction on the part of the Soviet Union," he warned.

The Soviet Navy plans to abolish several air, sea, marine and coastal artillery units during 1989 and 1990, Tass reported yesterday, quoting Navy Commander-in-Chief Vladimir Chernavin.

The admiral did not give any details. He said the action was part of a general reduction in Soviet armed forces.



Members of Greenpeace leave the submarine USS Tennessee off Port Canaveral, Florida after placing a flag which called for nuclear free seas on the communications tower of the submerged sub. (Reuter wirephoto)

Activists stop missile launch

Trident 2

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, July 29, (Agencies): Anti-nuclear activists who halted the firing of a Trident 2 missile from a submarine said they won't block the rescheduled launch, but will continue their political battle against the weapon.

Four Greenpeace USA vessels forced postponement of the launch yesterday when they sailed into an off-limits danger area in the Atlantic, 50 miles (80 kilometres) off Cape Canaveral, and ignored repeated warnings to leave.

It was the first time in the 38-year history of Cape Canaveral that such a protest had stopped a launching.

Steve Shellhorn, commander of one of the Greenpeace ships, said the activists would not be back at sea when the launch is rescheduled.

"We think we made our point, and we've been quite successful in focusing attention on America's most expensive missile system and in delaying its operational date," Shellhorn said yesterday.

"We don't think we can match the Navy test for test, so we will concentrate on eliminating the Trident 2 through the political process," he said. "But we won't rule out returning to the range eventually."

The Navy called off the Trident 2 test several hours after the Greenpeace vessels penetrated the safety zone.

"As in the case of all Navy operations, safety was a primary consideration," a Navy statement said. "Notices to air-men and mariners, warningships and aircraft away from the test area, as well as repeated on-scene warnings from the test ship participants, were acknowledged but ignored."

"When range safety could not be assured, the launch was terminated and will be rescheduled. The last time involved significant cost to the American taxpayer."

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The Trident 2 record for 16 success and four failures, although the Navy does not consider one such incident an official failure. The Defense Department's latest estimate of the cost of the Trident 2 programme is \$51.3 billion, including funding for research, development, procurement of 843 missiles and 11 Ohio-class submarines.

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Firm on defence

Compromise on tax

WASHINGTON, July 29, (AP): President George Bush, facing battles with Congress on several fronts, says he's standing firm on his military spending plan but is willing to compromise on his proposal to cut the capital gains tax.

Bush insisted yesterday that he will be able to have his way with the Senate on his defence package even after the House this week shredded it, slashing key components such as the space-based weapons system known as the Strategic Defence Initiative, and the Stealth bomber, mobile MX missile and Midway-class missile.

"I am disappointed that the House did what they did," Bush told a news conference, noting that the chamber restored money for some programmes he wants to cut.

"Yesterday was not the House's most memorable moment, but we're going to keep fighting on for what we believe in."

But Bush said he's willing to look at alternatives on his proposal to cut the 33 per cent maximum capital-gains rate to 15 per cent.

On another topic, Bush denied news leaks in the espionage investigation of US diplomat Felix S. Bloch.

"I am very concerned about premature discussions and disclosure — that means leaks — on this matter, because I think you can jeopardise the case itself and perhaps the man's ability to get a fair hearing," Bush said.

No charges have been filed against Bloch, but the State Department revoked his diplomatic passport and put him on paid leave June 22. He is under heavy FBI surveillance.

Bush also said: "He's confident his multibillion-dollar bailout plan for the savings and loan industry will prevail, despite a House-Senate conference agreement this week that rejected a key funding mechanism on which he has insisted."

He still wants a constitutional amendment to ban burning of the American flag, but didn't answer directly when asked if he would settle for a Democratic-sponsored effort, passed this week by the House Judiciary Committee, to outlaw flag burning through a statute rather than amending the constitution.

He was frustrated over the US inability to get Panamanian ruler Manuel Noriega out of power.

Superpower summit tops agenda

Baker, Shevardnadze begin talks

PARIS, July 29, (Reuters): US Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze began talks in Paris today on preparations for a possible superpower summit and prospects for peace in Cambodia.

Baker, who last saw Shevardnadze in Moscow in May, went with aides to the Soviet ambassador's residence on the left bank of the River Seine for the scheduled two-hour meeting.

"We will discuss future meetings at the ministerial level," Shevardnadze told journalists, referring to plans for a meeting in New York in September ahead of the United Nations General Assembly.

The full-scale ministerial meeting, with teams of advisers on both sides, will discuss what has now become a routine agenda for the

two powers — arms control, human rights, regional issues and the environment.

US sources said the meeting could take place around September 25.

Baker told reporters on his plane earlier that a summit between Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and US President George Bush would probably be discussed.

The Soviet Union has displayed impatience with what it perceives as a slackening of momentum in the superpower dialogue since the last summit between Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev and former president Ronald Reagan in New York in December.

Bush has said he will meet Gorbachev when "there was something constructive" to come out of a summit.

Arms control — conventional and nuclear — remains the key issue.

In May the Soviet Union announced it was withdrawing 500 short-range nuclear missiles from Europe this year.

The US regained the initiative later in the month when Bush, on his first European trip as President, proposed a 20 per cent cut in US combat troops in Europe, cuts in airforces and new ceilings on both Soviet and US ground forces.

In a proposal he said would "really put Mr Gorbachev to the test" Bush suggested a time limit of between six months and a year for an agreement at the conventional forces (CFE) negotiations which began in Vienna last March.

The Vienna talks, in recess for the summer, are due to resume on September 7. Moscow has said the Bush timetable appears unrealistic.

Deputy criticises Soviet leader

MOSCOW, July 29, (Agencies): A radical parliamentary deputy today called on President Mikhail Gorbachev to climb down off the political fence and decide whether to lead the country into genuine reform of the ailing Soviet system.

The deputy, historian Yuri Afanasyev, issued his appeal to resounding applause at a meeting called to establish a formal group of radicals within the parliament — a break with almost seven decades of officially-imposed unity.

"Gorbachev is justifiably regarded as the man who launched reform," declared Afanasyev. "But the time has passed when he can successfully remain the leader of perestroika and the leader of the nomenklatura. He has to make a clear choice."

In Soviet political parlance, the "nomenklatura" covers unelected Communist Party and government officials at all levels who run the country's affairs — a group Kremlin rebel Boris Yeltsin told the meeting were "a new class."

Some 240 deputies from all over the country attended the gathering, including representatives of Siberian and Ukrainian coal miners who staged mass strikes earlier this month.

Economist Gavril Popov, chairing the gathering at the headquarters of the Cinema Workers' Union, told the deputies the strikes had been totally justified and showed that the "party aristocracy" did not speak for workers as it claimed.

The deputies are due to vote tomorrow to create a formal structure for what they have called their "inter-regional group" to press in two parliamentary bodies, Congress and the Supreme Soviet, for fundamental reform.

They are expected to elect as their leader the tall, burly Yeltsin, a former junior member of the party's ruling politburo ousted after complaining about the slow pace of "perestroika" but who now has a huge popular following.

Creation of the group will put what will effectively be a faction opposing official policy — although radicals deny they will be an opposition in the Western sense — into the Soviet parliament for the first time since the early 1920s.

The speech by Afanasyev, director of the Moscow Historical Archive Institute, clearly reflected growing concern among radical reformers that Gorbachev's centrist position as both party leader and president was no longer tenable.

"I think that Gorbachev finds it difficult to understand that he is no longer the only leader of perestroika, that whole sections of our society are producing new leaders of reform," the historian said.

"I think the Politburo, the government and Gorbachev himself have to listen to the voices coming from the people and recognise our present realities."

Yeltsin, who is also a member of the Supreme Soviet or permanently-sitting upper house of the new parliament, said strike committees that appeared in the mining areas "were the embryos of real people's power."

The strikes "showed the growing tension in the country and the fact that the working class has lost all faith in those who are supposed to be its leaders," he added.

Authorities said yesterday that Georgians were the main victims of the past two weeks of ethnic unrest. Activists had charged that the Abkhazians were armed in advance.

The Georgian newspaper Zarya Vostoka said two-thirds of the victims, or 302 of the 448 injured, were Georgian, including 49 of the 62 wounded by guns, which are severely restricted in the Soviet Union but turned up by the thousands in the Abkhazian rioting.

Baker threatens to withhold aid

Conference on Cambodia

PARIS, July 29, (Agencies): US President George Bush's administration is threatening to withhold American aid to Cambodia if the Khmer Rouge is given a dominant role in any new transitional government.

But a policy paper distributed to reporters today as Secretary of State James Baker III arrived in Paris for a 20-nation conference on Cambodia acknowledged that Prince Norodom Sihanouk might include the Khmer Rouge, whose leaders are accused of murdering more than one million Cambodians in the 1970s.

"The US would continue to support him," the paper said. It offered the same assurance of support if Sihanouk also gave a role to members of pro-Vietnamese prime minister Hun Sen's government.

US officials recognise Sihanouk as the logical head of an interim government to be formed after Vietnam finishes withdrawing its troops in late September.

Baker ruled out participation of Khmer Rouge leaders in any future government and promised the United States would mobilise a world-wide effort to rehabilitate the war-shattered country if they were excluded.

The Khmer Rouge, backed by China, is one of the three rebel groups that have been fighting to overthrow the Vietnamese-backed government in Cambodia.

During a news conference on his jet while flying to Paris, Baker said the Bush administration would be willing to make "a major effort at mobilising the international community in support of a solution to the tragic problem of Cambodia."

He said that would include exerting influence on international banks to provide loans to help rebuild the country after 10 years of civil war.

Baker said the United States also would be prepared to end its support to anti-communist rebels in the event of a comprehensive peace settlement.

The United States currently is supplying about \$3 million to \$5 million a year in non-lethal aid to the guerrillas.

"If we could achieve a cessation of external assistance, that would include external assistance from all sources, including any external assistance from the United States," Baker said.

For the peace conference, which opens tomorrow, Baker said the US policy objectives included negotiating:

■ an immediate ceasefire among the warring factions.

■ formation of an interim government headed by Sihanouk.



Baker (centre) arrives in Paris to hold talks with Shevardnadze and attend the peace conference on Cambodia. (Reuters wirephoto)

■ a formula for holding free elections.

■ the voluntary return of Cambodian refugees now living in camps in Thailand.

■ creation of a UN supervisory force to monitor the Vietnamese withdrawal and any elections.

The paper on US policy stressed that "our strong preference would be that there be no Khmer Rouge participation" in an interim Cambodian government.

After pledging to support Sihanouk even if he gave a role to the Khmer Rouge or Hun Sen's followers, the statement added:

"We have made it clear, however, that our ability to support any Cambodian government is directly and inversely related to the degree of Khmer Rouge participation, if any, in it."

The paper then went on to declare "the US cannot accept any role whatsoever in any future Cambodian government for the Khmer Rouge's leaders discredited before the world."

During its rule from 1975 until the Vietnamese invasion in 1978, the Khmer Rouge was blamed for the deaths of an estimated

one million Cambodians as it tried to force its vision of a classless agrarian society on the country.

Later today, Baker will meet for two hours with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze, who is representing Moscow at the conference.

Baker also said he may talk with Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen, who will head Beijing's delegation.

"With respect to that issue, I would say, 'stay tuned,'" Baker told reporters.

Khmer Rouge President Khieu Samphan, dismissing fears of a possible repeat of his movement's brutal 1975-79 rule, says Vietnam is the biggest danger facing Cambodia.

Khieu Samphan said in an interview with French television yesterday that Hanoi was exploiting concerns about the Khmer Rouge to subjugate Cambodia.

"That scarecrow is being used by the Vietnamese to harden international opinion (against the Khmer Rouge) but the veritable danger is actually that of Vietnamese expansionism," he said.

Families of Americans missing in action told

'Ties with Vietnam only after settlement'

WASHINGTON, July 29, (UPI): President Bush said yesterday his administration will restore full relations with Vietnam only after a US-approved settlement in Cambodia and reiterated that accounting for Americans missing in action is a "matter of highest national priority."

Speaking to the annual gathering of families of US servicemen still listed as missing in action in Vietnam, Bush said, "now we are coming to a time when the divisions of the Vietnam war are

healing. We have let go some of the bitterness of the past. But with this reconciliation comes a temptation to forget those who served.

"Yet, we will not forget," he promised. "And we will never break ranks."

There are 1,713 Americans listed as missing in action from the war that ended more than a decade ago and another 634 missing elsewhere in Indochina. Bush reached out to their relatives, saying, "some of our

finest young men and women were lost during the many long years of the Vietnam war... but as tragic as the loss of a loved one is, even more difficult to endure is the uncertainty which, for you, has extended over so many years."

Noting that a "symbol of this commitment," the National League of Families' flag, is flying at the Capitol Rotunda, he declared, "the fullest possible accounting remains a matter of highest national priority."

Priests detained for collaborating with fellow clergyman who went to Pyongyang to escort Im

SEOUL, July 29, (Agencies): Police arrested three Catholic priests today on charges of collaborating with a fellow clergyman who went to Pyongyang to escort a dissident South Korean student home after a North Korean youth festival.

The three priests were Nam Kuk-Hyon, 40, Koo Il-Mo, 40, and Park Byung-Jun, 37, all members of the dissident Catholic Priests' Commission for Justice. Police served arrest warrants at the Myeongdong cathedral in downtown Seoul.

Police said the three played leading roles in sending the Rev Moon Kyu-Hyon, a Catholic priest studying in the United States, to North Korea to escort Im Su-Kyong, 20, back home through the border separating North and

South Korea.

Im and Moon went to the truce village of Panmunjom 35 miles (56 km) north of Seoul on Thursday and demanded to cross over into South Korea. They returned to the Pyongyang when southern authorities at the truce site refused to allow them to enter the country.

Before their arrest, the three priests issued a statement at the cathedral saying they acted out of religious beliefs. "We sent the Rev Moon to the North based on our conscience as clergymen and to help national reunification," they said.

South Korea cancelled a meeting with North Korean Red Cross officials today, accusing them of meddling in politics instead of making efforts to resume work on family

exchanges.

South Korean Red Cross president Kim Sang-Hyup told a news conference he informed the north via telephone today that a scheduled meeting next Wednesday was indefinitely postponed.

Chinese defect

Zuos cross Korean demilitarised zone

SEOUL, July 29, (Agencies): A Chinese Army officer and his wife defected to South Korea through the demilitarised zone separating South Korea and North Korea, the South Korean Defence Ministry announced today.

The Chinese couple remained under the protective custody of the American-led United Nations Command (UNC) after walking across the border inside the truce village of Panmunjom inside the DMZ shortly after 11 am (0200 GMT) today, ministry spokesman Brig. Gen. Yoon Chang-Ro said.

The UNC, including representatives of the United States and 15 other nations which helped South Korea repel a North Korean invasion in 1950, has jurisdiction over the border village, 56 kilometres (35 miles) north of Seoul.

A government intelligence source, speaking on condition of anonymity, identified the officer as Maj. Zuo Xiukai, 40, a member of the Chinese delegation to the Korean military armistice commission, a watchdog body that helps maintain the 1953 ceasefire agreement that in effect ended the Korean war.

Zuo is the fourth-ranking officer in the Chinese delegation, headed by a brigadier general, the intelligence source said.

A senior official at the government's national unification board, requesting anonymity, had earlier said the Chinese couple will be handed over to South Korea shortly.

It was not immediately known where Zuo wants to go for settlement. Some Chinese Air Force pilots who flew their jets to South Korea in the past were eventually allowed to defect to Taiwan.

The Taiwanese embassy in Seoul said it was in contact with South Korean authorities to check Zuo's intentions. Local news reports, quoting government sources, said it was unlikely Zuo would be sent back to North Korea or China.

Even if Zuo wants to defect to Taiwan, he would not be sent there directly, because the Seoul government does not want to hurt its improving relations with Beijing, the reports quoted the source as saying.

A Chinese embassy employee in Japan, who had reportedly been protected by the Japanese government while she sought asylum in a third country, has left for West Germany, newspapers said today.

Ma Qiyun, 27, an employee at the visa section of the Chinese embassy in Tokyo, left Tokyo for Frankfurt yesterday, local media reported.

Lufthansa German airlines confirmed she took an afternoon flight for Frankfurt.

Kyodo news service reported that Ma, an attaché in the visa section of the embassy, had participated in protests against the Chinese government in Tokyo during the pro-democracy movement that swept Beijing in May.

Chinese authorities are secretly executing scores of people for offenses linked to support of the democracy movement, with many death sentences carried out near a famed bridge on the outskirts of Beijing, Chinese and Western sources say.

The Chinese sources, who are well-informed on security matters but who requested anonymity, said more than 40 people were put to death during the past two weeks at the Marco Polo bridge, 12 miles (20 km) southwest of the capital's urban districts.

Residents of the area appeared convinced in interviews that executions were being carried out there. The communist government has traditionally used the historical landmark as an execution ground since taking power in 1949, the Chinese sources said.

The sources also said the number of arrests in the nation-wide crackdown on democracy movement activists, supporters and liberal intellectuals has reached into the tens of thousands, with at least 10,000 detained in Beijing alone.

The sweep began after the Chinese Army moved into Beijing June 3 and brutally suppressed pro-democracy protesters. The capital has been under martial law since May 20.

At least 29 people are known to have been executed for offenses linked to the seven-week-long unrest between April and June. Most have been charged with violent or serious crimes.



Zuo Xiukai (left) who defected to South Korea, is shown in this file photo, while he was chatting with a Chinese reporter in Panmunjom. (Reuters wirephoto)

Chinese meet in Chicago

Dissidents' first congress

CHICAGO, July 29, (AP): The "Goddess of Democracy" will stand again in Beijing's Tiananmen Square, an expatriate leader of the pro-democracy movement in Beijing told other Chinese dissidents attending the first US Congress of Chinese students.

"Some say China has no hope for democracy, but I say the hope is just beginning," dissident leader Wu'er Kaixi said yesterday at the opening ceremony of the conference at an auditorium at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Delegates from 130 universities are attending the organisation's founding conference, which will wind up tomorrow. Thousands of Chinese students who were studying abroad when the government crushed the student democracy movement in Beijing and other cities have decided not to return home.

Wu'er, 21, who fled China after the military crackdown there in June, told the crowd to continue the battle for democracy. "We can't rely on begging or wait for the next time," he said. "We must try now."

Behind him, a plaster replica of the Goddess of Democracy erected by Chinese protesters in Beijing overlooked the crowd, which cheered and stamped their feet as Wu'er shouted pro-democracy slogans.

The original goddess, fashioned after the Statue of Liberty, was torn down by the Chinese government after the military crushed the student democracy movement that had occupied Tiananmen Square.

The students dismissed the Communist Party's announcement yesterday that it was renouncing corruption and nepotism. The party shut down to state-owned conglomerates, including one linked to senior leader Deng Xiaoping's son, and ordered an end to many of the special privileges enjoyed by high officials.

The politburo order clearly was a response to the student movement, which struck a deep chord among hundreds of thousands of Chinese with its criticism of official corruption.

"Why are they doing it now? Because they have committed crimes, killed people demonstrating for basic human rights. Now they are trying to console people's anguish," said Jie Hu, a Northwestern University student.

"They control everything, the economy, the daily lives of the people and what's in their minds," said Jie, who is from the Sichuan province in central China. "It's absolute corruption. There is no way they can cure this without reforming the system."

Wu'er was one of six dissident leaders who attended the opening ceremony. All fled China and later surfaced in Paris, where they have been trying to rally worldwide support for the pro-democracy movement in their homeland.

Pro-democracy T-shirts were hung on the walls of the University of Illinois building. Some shirts said "You are not alone" and bore one of the lasting images from the protest: The photograph of a man, standing alone, blocking a row of Chinese Army tanks.

Letters threatening to kill Japanese businessmen, tourists and residents in Hong Kong who have contacts with China have been received, police and consular officials said yesterday.

The letters were similar to one received by the Beijing office of Japan Air Lines July 17, which threatened to kill two Japanese a month beginning in August for Japan's alleged economic co-operation with China.

Hong Kong police, who said they were investigating the letters, declined to reveal their contents.

Japanese consulate spokesman Minoru Yamashita, who also did not make public the contents of the letters, said one communique was received Tuesday and another on Thursday, both of them written in Chinese.

Police and city officials in Beijing have seized 180,000 books and closed 30 private bookstalls in a censorship campaign triggered by the crackdown on the pro-democracy movement, the Chinese news agency said today.

On an order by the central government, a so-called "rectification" of publications markets has been under way since early this month in the capital and in several other major cities, including Shanghai and Central Xian.

China's leaders promised yesterday to abolish special privileges for themselves and their families in a move aimed at redressing grievances that led to the worst anti-government demonstrations in 40 years.

State television news said an expanded meeting of the Communist Party's ruling Politburo announced a seven-point programme of changes.

Top Chinese Communist Party leaders yesterday ordered the breakup of a major trade company linked to senior leader Deng Xiaoping's son and announced audits of other leading companies in the most serious attack yet on corruption.

The seven-point notice from the party politburo, also ordered an end to the life of banquets, bribes, foreign jaunts and luxury cars enjoyed by many high officials, and limits on what their children can do for a living.

Hashimoto seeks political reform

TOKYO, July 29, (AP): Calls are mounting for someone to rescue the ruling party from its worst crisis, but party Secretary-General Ryutaro Hashimoto remains intensely cautious about taking what appears to be the political chance of a lifetime.

The 51-year-old lawmaker has emerged as the leading candidate to replace outgoing Prime Minister Souseike Uno, who announced his resignation on Monday over the party's worst defeat ever in Sunday's upper house elections.

In an interview with the Associated Press at Liberal Democratic Party headquarters in Tokyo, Hashimoto suggested he is too young to be prime minister.

"There are many party elders who are willing to devote the rest of their lives for the country and the party," he said. "And I am in a position to find the next leader and build the party's consensus toward him."

"What's most important is to reconstruct the party from the election defeat and prepare for the next lower house election," Hashimoto said. "It is a life-or-death matter for us to retain our majority in the lower house."

"The LDP must be reformed by making its decision-making process 'more transparent so that the public can understand what is happening,'" Hashimoto said.

"When we do things behind closed doors, it gives the impression that we're doing something wrong and trying to hide it," he said, and then chuckled. "If we can't put through reforms, we may lose in another election."

Plagued by a series of money and sex scandals and public uproar over an unpopular new tax, the Liberal Democrats lost 33 seats and their majority in the House of Councillors, the upper house, for the first time in the party's 39-year history.

The LDP continues to control the government and the premiership because of its majority in the more powerful house of representatives. But a defeat in a lower house election could cost the party its control of the government.

In the No. 2 position in the party, Hashimoto has been the virtual party chief in the past two months in place of Uno, whose leadership was severely damaged by allegations that he kept paid mistresses.

Hashimoto as the most energetic campaigner for their party's candidates in last Sunday's elections, making some 90 endorsement speeches compared with Uno's lone appearance.

The son of a former legislator, Hashimoto was elected to the house of representatives in 1964 at age 26 upon the death of his father. He worked for a textile company for a few years after graduating from college. At 51, he has been re-elected to the house nine times and has served as construction minister and transport minister.

7 youths jailed in Rangoon

RANGOON, July 29, (AP): A military tribunal has sentenced seven youths to five-year prison terms for staging anti-government demonstrations, a government newspaper said today.

Also today, a spokesman for the main opposition party, the National League for Democracy, said as many as 1,500 people have been arrested since the second week of July.

Police arrested the seven youths for shouting slogans July 17 at Rangoon's Shwedagon Pagoda Buddhist temple on a religious holiday and sentenced them yesterday, the Working People's Daily said. It gave few other details.

On Tuesday, a military tribunal ordered the death sentence for three young members of the National League for Democracy who were convicted of planting a package bomb that killed two people at a government oil refinery on July 7. A Western diplomat today called the proceedings "a real show trial."

"They say that the prosecution was heard and the exhibits were shown, but the outside world hasn't seen anything," said the diplomat in Rangoon, who spoke by telephone to the Associated Press in Bangkok on condition of anonymity.

Amnesty International, the London-based human rights organisation, also criticised the sentences.

"According to the United Nations, executions resulting from summary procedures denying the right of legal appeal and omitting other fair safeguards constitute the arbitrary deprivation of life," it said in a statement received in Rangoon.

Burma's military government recently has intensified its crackdown on the political opposition while releasing criminal offenders under an amnesty announced July 20. The Working People's Daily said 7,326 prisoners have been freed under the order.

10 new schools to open in Ahmadi

Committee to re-evaluate exams

THE acting assistant undersecretary of the Ministry of Education for students information and affairs, and director of Ahmadi Educational Area Abdullah Al Lagman has said that ten new schools will be opened in Ahmadi educational area at the beginning of the new scholastic year. He added that five will be secondary schools (two for boys and three for girls) and the other five primary and intermediate schools.

A committee set up at the area to follow

up and prepare for the new academic year is still studying needs of different schools in the area for teachers, employees and maintenance works. He added that the existing wooden classrooms are being changed to normal concrete buildings. "We are working to air-condition all classrooms of primary schools and kindergartens in the area according to the Amiri desire," the official said.

Lagman pointed out that a mini reshuffle among headmasters and assistant head-

masters of schools is being made according to urgent needs or personal desire. He added that some teachers at the present schools of the area will be shifted to the new schools. The area suffers shortage in teaching staff especially teachers of English and science. This shortage will be solved by contracting teachers from some Arab countries, he said.

The director of Farwaniya Educational Area Ibrahim Abal Khalil said that the Ministry of Education seeks to limit the

number of co-education schools (primary and intermediate schools) due to many reasons. But he added that separating these schools will be difficult because of lack of new sites especially in crowded areas.

He added that the ministry re-organised the examinations department and set up an expanded committee to re-evaluate the examination criteria at schools. The committee consists of specialists from the ministry and Kuwait University, he said.

Over 34pc children in GCC anaemic

MANAMA, July 29, (GNA): A study prepared by the head of the Nutrition Department at the Ministry of Public Health in Bahrain Dr Abdul Rahman Mousiger has outlined the existing situation of child nutrition in the GCC countries. The official said that unguided patterns of child nutrition was accountable for the proliferation of diseases among children.

Results of the study published by the Bahraini 'Al Ayyam' daily revealed 40 to 67 per cent of the total child population in Bahrain suffered from weight loss before reaching school age.

The study results indicated that 34 to 66 per cent of the total child population in the GCC suffered from iron deficiency. Anaemia is the most widely spread disease in rural as well as urban areas, as a result of naive nutritional habits, abstinence from breast-feeding and lack of nutritional awareness.

The study also indicated that many mothers could not prepare food for their babies in the right manner, which in most cases negatively affected the child's health. This is the result of poor education. Other causes of malnutrition have been attributed to food being kept under unhygienic conditions.

The study said that the absence of breast-feeding among mothers is attributed to their work outside the house which left them barely adequate time to tend to their babies.



Candidates for Little Mr and Miss Philippines with Jun Mercado co-chairman and Rosafe Austria, chairperson.

Little Mr and Miss Philippines rehearsed

THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (KAPILKU) held their first rehearsal last Friday, at Keifan Gym for all participants of the Little Mr and Miss Philippines - Kuwait 1989.

Twenty contestants came to join the first rehearsal of the contest which was attended by their respective parents.

Acting Chairman Rosafe Austria presided over the introduction of all the participants with assistance from Jun Mercado, the co-chairman of the project.

AVPU Lulu Alelojo was the master of ceremony

who made sure the rehearsal went over smoothly

and to the interest of the participants. Lulu helped

all the children adjust themselves to the questions

and answers portion.

Talent

A talent portion was made for each participant to familiarise themselves with their actual positions at the contest. All the children were able to demonstrate their talents to the delight of their parents.

The second rehearsal will be held on Friday,

August 4 at Keifan Gym at 4:00 pm. All contestants are requested to come and all new children who wish to participate can also join the rehearsal.

Cash Prizes

The winners of the coveted title for Little Mr and Miss Philippines - Kuwait will receive cash prizes, each of \$100.00 donated by the City International Exchange Co., W.L.L. and trophies as well. Runners-up will also be awarded trophies courtesy of Marina Layago and Atty. Mohd Saed Al Awadi.

Pacman Contest

Aside from the parlor games and puppet shows, Pacman contest for the children will also be held in which the top two boys and girls will be given valuable prizes donated by Adawiah Universal Electronics Co.

Judges for Little Mr & Miss Photogenic are

George Delacruz, P.J. Obiena and Danny Pangan.

For particulars, please contact Chairman Rosafe Austria, and Jun Mercado, co-chairman on telephone number 4899418 and VP Sarah Macarim-bang on telephone number 4843447.

Residents to receive rust-free drinking water supply

THE chief engineer at the Water Department at the Ministry of Electricity and Water Khaled Hmoud Al Farhood has said that the Ministry has been successful in the water discolouration problem in drinking supplies through the use of carbon dioxide, and that a tender will soon be awarded to supply all residential areas in Kuwait with treated water.

He told a local paper that the ministry had an integrated plan to replace the existing asbestos water pipes with ductile cast iron to reduce potential pipe explosion, stressing the ministry's intention to retain the existing water treating plants even after the full operation of the Iraqi water supplying project.

He said that the results of the public questionnaire carried out through out the residential areas situated between the 1st and 3rd Ring Roads showed that 67 per cent of the population noticed a marked improvement in the quality of water, which had been treated with carbon dioxide.

He pointed out that the average daily fractures of water pipes reported in Kuwait was 12, and that most of these fractures hit the asbestos piping network, and that the ministry had arranged to overcome this problem by providing more water valves to modify and regulate water pressure.

He expressed the ministry's willingness to provide houses in unplanned areas with water on the condition that these houses were close to a service road.

Shortage of pharmacists

Drug waste costs KD2m annually

THE monetary loss in terms of drugs being wasted in Kuwait amounts to KD2 million annually for which, patients, pharmacists and physicians have been held accountable. Dr Abdullah Assad, director of the pharmacological services department at the Ministry of Public Health has said.

Concurring that most advanced countries suffer from a waste in medicines within a range of 15 to 20 per cent, he denied the existence of serious studies to determine criteria for the dispensation of drugs in Kuwait. But, he added that a relevant study will be undertaken by the department during the new health plan.

He called for reconsidering the basis for the dispensation of drugs on modern parameters and he also advocated reducing the side-effects of drugs. He focused on the importance of enlightening the public about the pros and cons in the usage of drugs. He said that the public should be cautioned that continued use and dependence of drugs over a long period of time could be habit forming.

Budget

The official went on to state that the Ministry of Public Health has allocated an additional budget to meet the existing shortage in drugs. He added that the ministry still experiences a shortage of drugs which is attributed to the increase in demand on some drugs prescribed in the treatment

of blood pressure and diabetes. He said that patients ask for big quantities of drugs to ensure adequate reserves in their houses. Some doctors also give patients 2nd and 3rd class drugs which are usually given to patients when 1st class drugs are not efficient — although they are more dangerous. This added to the level of shortages in the drugs of the 2nd and 3rd categories.

Budget allocated for drugs is sufficient according to international standards, Assad said and called for a reconsideration of the drug policy in the light of experiments and studies.

Standards

Assad pointed out that the Health Ministry had not yet taken any procedure to improve the standards of pharmacists which is still being discussed and studied by a special committee. The committee is studying demands of pharmacists mentioned in the memo they submitted to the health minister. They demanded some allowances for supervision, training and rent for non-Kuwaitis. They also demanded that children of non-Kuwaiti pharmacists be admitted to government schools beside allowing Kuwaiti pharmacists to work in government and private sectors. He added that pharmacists play an important role so their demands should be respected in order to encourage them to perform this active role on the same level as physicians and dentists.

He added that allowing Kuwaiti pharmacists to work in private pharmacies will develop the private pharmacies and commented that the present way of dispensing drugs by the Health Ministry will not develop the private sector. Some drugs should be bought from private pharmacies to reduce dependence on government pharmacies as in some countries, he said.

Commenting on the arrest of some pharmacists on charges of trading in medicine is not considered a general phenomena but is limited because most pharmacists abide by values and principles of their profession. He added that quantities of drugs seized with these pharmacists are insignificant and not in commercial quantities. The problem is to effectively curb drug smuggling, the official said.

Industry

He stressed that some patients sell drugs for them. He also ruled out the availability of a preferential policy to benefit certain companies or importers by the purchasing policies of the ministry. Buying drugs is subject to different and various authorities in the ministry. He encouraged the idea to establish a national medicine industry in Kuwait describing it as necessary and strategic. He added that the medicine factory in Kuwait is relatively new and its experiment is very limited.

Failaka residents feel neglected

By Hashem Ahmed Issa

THE influx into mainland Kuwait by residents of Failaka Island has been prompted by the lack of many essential services, scarcity of water heading the list, a resident of Failaka told Seyassah.

He said that the situation always got worse during bad weather conditions, such as dust-raising stormy days, where communication to and from the island gets completely disrupted. This break in communications leads to the shortage of supply of essential commodities.

The resident added that another problem emerges when during such conditions the need arises for medical attention which means travelling to Kuwait to seek admission in a hospital or to see a doctor.

Even a visit to relatives, always proves very frustrating because of a lack of adequate transportation, he claimed.

He said that the island lacked recreational facilities, and being located at quite some distance from Kuwait is seemingly the reason why ministers and government officials have it last on their minds. This is evidenced by the shortages in many essential daily requirements.

Bader Rajah, another resident of Failaka, said that reasons for an exodus of people from the island is the unavailability of a hospital, lack of adequate schools where little children have to share the same school with teenagers, and the problem and frustration caused by the unavailability of sufficient transportation.

EVENTS

New tasting Diet Pepsi launched

A NEW Diet Pepsi was introduced to Kuwait, it was announced by the Kuwait National Bottling Company on Saturday.

The new Diet Pepsi taste was launched with an extensive free sampling campaign, a new commercial for Kuwait TV and special promotions for consumers.

Diet Pepsi has only one calorie per can, and has become highly popular in the US and Europe. "There is now a choice of two leading soft drinks — Pepsi and Diet Pepsi," said Adnan Dabbagh, general manager, Kuwait National Bottling Co.

Diet Pepsi is already the leading

diet soft drink in Kuwait and elsewhere

in the Middle East, claimed

Ken Johnston, Pepsi Cola International's Gulf Marketing Manager.

"The new taste has been



Adnan Dabbagh and Ken Johnston (fourth and fifth left) pictured at the launch in Kuwait.

achieved through the use of the aspartame sugar substitute, Nutrasweet. This supported with the launch campaign should enhance the soft drink's popularity in Kuwait," he said.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1	
9.00 Opening and Holy Quran	
9.15 Sabah Al Khair: local programme	
9.30 Cartoons	
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite	
10.15 Al Hob Wa Essabar: Arabic serial (Part 16)	
11.10 Ezaj: local serial (Part 7)	
12.15 That's Incredible	
1.00 News Summary	
1.05 The World Today via Satellite	
1.30 Flouza: cartoon serial	
2.15 Hara Nasecha Al Zaman: Arabic serial (Part 8)	
3.30 Bibi Fook and Calimiro: cartoon serial	
4.00 Nisa Khalif Al Qudhban: Arabic feature film, starring Sana	

Jameel, Bousi, Farooq Al Feshawi and Samah Anwar	
6.00 Stories from Holy Quran for children	
7.00 Space Invasion: cultural programme	
7.30 Fi Kidmat Al Jomhoor: local programme	
8.30 Diwanayat Shuara Al Nabat: local programme	
9.00 News in Arabic	
10.00 Haribat Mina Al Madhi: daily Arabic serial (Part 13)	
10.45 Local variety show with guest artist Fuad Hijazi, presented and prepared by Rasha Majdi	
12.00 News Summary	
12.05 The World Today via Satellite	
12.30 Holy Quran and Closedown	

KTV 2	
6.00 Opening and Holy Quran	
6.10 Care Bears cartoon	
6.30 Sea Hunt: "The Meeting" Mike is hired by the FBI to unravel a plot on Balboa Island.	
7.00 Architecture at the Crossroads: "Japan: Building the Zenway." A look at some aspects of Japanese architecture.	
8.00 News in English	
8.40 Maelstrom: "In the Vortex." Katherine learns the secret of her inheritance.	
9.30 The Secret World: "Bats and Birds: Wings of Death."	
10.00 Kate and Allie: Allie's former husband decided to come back to his wife. Comedy.	
10.30 Best Seller: "Robert Kennedy: His Life and Times." Part One.	
11.30 News Summary; Magazine D'Actualite; Holy Quran/Closedown	

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

CINEMA

Al Firdous
Kathron Ke Khiladi
Starring: Dharmendra
Madhuri Dixit
Fahad Open-Air
Nafat Ki Aandhi

Al Andalus
Arabic film
Al Hama
Arabic film
Al Sakhiya
Arabic film

Al Fahad
Thunder Run
Al Jahra
Aap Betti
Granada
Aag Ke Sholay

Al Salaikh
Ultimate Force
Al Jebel
Patana Pravesham
Ahmed Drive-In
Cinderella 80

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Al Koutah Pharmacy
Abdullah Al Mubarak St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Hadeetha Pharmacy
Nagra, Ebin Khaldoun St.
Sakhiya and Rasmakhiya
Al Meidan Pharmacy
Baghdad Street.

Fahad and Ahmadi
Al Ahmadi Pharmacy
Al Ahmadi, Super Market.

Jleeb Al Shoyoukh
Al Salama Pharmacy
Main Street, Plot No. 2.
Jahra
Al Khaled Pharmacy
Opp. to Jahra Co-op.

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.38
Zuhr	11.54
Asr	3.30
Maghreb	6.42
Isha	8.08

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 4 to 7.00 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Tareq Rajab Museum
Sat - Thurs: 9-12 noon and 4-7 pm. Also open on Fridays from 9 to 12 noon.

SOCIAL

Tivim Centre
OCT. 26: Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Lot of surprises await. For further information contact the organisers.

D'Assisi Social Evening
AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messiah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Fine Armst, Shop No. 34, Al Karak Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

Keep Fit
AQUAFITNESS, judo, karate and taekwondo classes at the Kuwait International. Ladies keep fit sessions three times a week at La Palma Fitness Centre after which free use of the pool is invited. Barbecue lunch every Friday afternoon by the Garden Pool. Tennis coaching available. Summer courses for swimming upto July 26. Individual lessons also available. Details with Paul Woodland or Vivienne Buch-2530000/2533000 ext 8050.

Kapilku meeting

THERE will be an officers meeting on Tuesday at Far East Restaurant at 8.30 pm. Topics to be discussed are: Palara awarding ceremony on Aug 4 at Keifan; Little Mr & Miss Philippines Kuwait '89; Kapilku night on Sept 1; and Philippine Day on Sept 8.

Kapilku contest
AUGUST 18: Kapilku will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Salmiya. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosafe Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 483447.

Kalpak exhibition
SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian Embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those who are interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone Nos: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

Sargavadi's Sankshi

AUGUST 3, (Thursday): Sargavadi, the cultural wing of Kuwait Kerala Cultural Congress, on the eve of Nehru Centenary celebrations, will be staging one of the most popular Malayalam social plays — Sankshi, at the Indian Arts Circle Auditorium at 6.30 pm.

Written by Varughese Paul, directed by Jayan Pattathu and co-directed by Miss Shirley John, the characters are represented by Baby Thomas, C.C. Joe, Josekutty, Niman Thangalathil, Emmanuel, Babychan, Mrs Mary Sebastian, Mrs Annamma Kurian, Miss Shirley John and Miss Shiny John. Lyrics by Rajendra Babu, music direction Viswajal. Lead singers are Unnikrishnan and Mrs Lekshmi Vijayakumar.

Konkani drama

AUG. 11: A Konkani drama entitled 'Bartli An Bazar', directed by Pascoal Rodrigues will be held at the Indian Arts Circle, Funaites at 10 am and 4 pm. Gatepasses are available at Raja Stores and Alex Martins Shop.

United Goans

AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" if a music saturated evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competi-

tions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Joe 5653140. Ancient 2342949 after 6 pm.

HOTELS

At the SAS hotel

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At the Messiah Beach

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Al Jawharah Super Night Club: live entertainment by the resident "Rainbow" band with extensive a la carte menu on Wednesdays and special buffet on Thursdays.

Al Berdown beach garden restaurant open daily Sunday-Friday offering a variety of succulent charcoal grills, Lebanese Mezza, freshly baked Markouk bread and Hubble Bubble.

At the Kuwait International

LA PALMA: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German, Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Ext 8166.

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At the Hotel Pullman

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Italian dinner: Let us take you to heart of Rome while you are in the heart of Kuwait a special ambience with exotic delicious and Italian dishes prepared before your very own eyes. Be entertained by the fabulous music of Stan and Alice, the most celebrated duo in Kuwait.

Delights of Arabic ice-cream and jumbo sandwiches at Louwah corner "Le Cafe de Paris" with traditional Arabic music played by the famous oud player Fawzi Jamal. Unique surroundings on the edge of Al Muthanna shopping centre. Open all day long.

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At the swimming pool: From 8.30 pm have a great night out by the pool to soothe the summer heat. Barbecue, music, games, prizes and surprises await each one. Bring your family and friends and savour our delicious Sharazad barbecue, at KD5.500 per pax and KD2.750 per child.

Month's mind mass for late Mrs Lily Diaz who expired in Kuwait will be held in the chapel, Holy Family Cathedral Kuwait on the 31st July 1989 at 5:45 pm. Peter Diaz and family.

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One minute levy on person to person calls

Records wipe-out under investigation

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times staff

UWAIT'S Ministry of Communications will introduce a service charge for person-to-person telephone calls adding an extra minute to the length of a call, a ministry spokesman told the Arab Times.

The ministry's earlier ministry statement carried by Kuwait News Agency, saying that extra charges will be slapped on international calls made through the operator, Kuwait charges an equal amount for international calls made through the operator and direct dialling. The new service charge is not related to

as yet unspecified damage caused by the loss of international call records, still under investigation.

According to Walid Al Bahr, the director of the ministry's local network office, no blame has been apportioned for the fault which could cost the ministry hundreds of thousands of dinars.

Responsibility

The ministry has sent the relevant technical details to the equipment manufacturers L.M. Ericson from Sweden and is awaiting comments from software programme designers which could throw more light on the extent of the damage and

those responsible, he said.

Sources said a fault that occurred in the semi-electronic international exchange in 1981 resulted in a financial loss of about KD400,000. The ministry bore the cost of the damage.

Another source indicated that the recent fault occurred in another, digital, exchange completed in 1985. Both were equipped by L.M. Ericson. The Swedish company has a maintenance support contract with the ministry.

The company representative in Kuwait told Arab Times that in the four years of service this is the first time records were lost in the digital exchange.

Bahr insisted that the ministry's main

concern is to identify the fault and make sure it does not happen again. "We are not trying to find someone to blame. But if there is someone responsible for this fault the ministry will hopefully take action" he said.

Bahr refrained from speculating on the number of calls lost and the resulting damage but unconfirmed reports said records for more than 500,000 international calls made last month had been lost. The fault was first discovered on July 19.

An internal ministry report is now being studied by a follow-up committee whose work may extend into September, Bahr said.

Student visas to US need guarantee

By Fathima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

STUDENTS who cannot prove their intention to return do not get visas for higher studies in the US.

The US embassy in Kuwait has rejected several applications, mainly from Indian sub-continent nationals, who could not guarantee they would not settle down in the US.

"We don't know what sort of guarantee they want, they just tell us to show some proof that we'll not settle in the US," said a department official.

Embassy officials did not give the numbers rejected but said they needed "Something (from students) to indicate to us that they have some place to go after studies."

Some students who produced job guarantees got visas, some students said.

Kuwait's stringent residence law, changed to meet the country's manpower needs, is another reason why the US embassy is reluctant to issue student visas to non-Kuwaitis.

Obviously, Kuwaitisation, and the changing residence rules, make it difficult for them (students) to return to Kuwait, officials said.

Appropriate students on dependent visas are eligible to get extension to overstay. Dependents above 21 must get independent permit to re-enter Kuwait.

A US diplomat insisted that the student visa rules have not changed but admitted that the policy of Kuwaitisation is taken into consideration while issuing student visas.

Eighteen-year-old Mohammad Khawar Hassan said "Now, I'm stuck. I'll miss one semester. Time is something I can't buy back."

Hassan, a student of the Universal American School, Kuwait, was planning to do a six-year MBA studies programme and had secured admission and the I-20 form, a pre-requisite for applying for a student visa.

"They didn't specify what guarantee they wanted; I was asked to give them some reason to believe that I won't be staying in the US."

"My father has been working in Kuwait, he won't stay here for ever, and I won't come back to Kuwait. I'll return to Pakistan," he said.

"I selected a university in Louisiana, a secure place with a lot of activity. If I had planned to stay there, I could have opted for New York," he added.

Other students, like Arshad Jamal are looking at other avenues for further education in such countries like Canada.

April to September is the peak season for student visa applications. Many students consider an education in the US as a passport to a prosperous career, and as such, the numbers seeking admission also rises each year.

In 1986, the US embassy issued a total of 1,324 student visas and in 1987, 1,720 visas were issued.

From April to September, 1988, a total of 1,308 visas were issued. Of these 569 applicants are Kuwaitis.

From October 1988 to March 1989, 1,132 visas were issued, including 646 to Kuwaitis. This is considered to be the off-peak season.

Latest statistics from April until this year are not available.



A hawk at the Friday market selling second hand television and video sets.

Souq haraj still in demand

Prices adequate

THE Friday market or in another word the souq haraj is one of the popular markets visited by many different nationalities living in the country. It is well-known to the public that this market was closed in 1983 due to lack of organisation and negligence. However, after Kuwait Municipality organised the market and assigned places to stalls, a local daily conducted a number of interviews with stall owners to obtain their viewpoints.

Jaber Abdullah said that there are many problems which they face because sales are not as satisfactory and it is hard to cover expenses. He called upon market officials to cut down stall rents pointing out that the market is well-organised and the government is to be praised. He pointed out that the market is short of electric lights and said that many stalls owners were subjected to thefts.

Mhanna Ahmad said that the market is visited by different nationalities and is well organised. He thanked Kuwait Municipality for their efforts in making the Friday market location more presentable for visitors and specially for regularly cleaning the market twice daily.

He added that he pays KD7 for renting the stall and that sales are good these days due to the fact that they sell more suitcases during the travelling season. He said that he has never faced any incidents of theft during his stay in the Friday Market.

Masood Khaled said that most stall owners face problems caused by shoppers at which they compare the market prices with prices offered at popular markets. He pointed out that Kuwaitis, Palestinians and Iraqis occupy the highest number of customers at the Friday market adding that the market is well organised.

Naser Abdullah said that the market provides shoppers with a wide range of goods and that it is mostly crowded before and after Eid. He pointed out that most incidents of theft are conducted by children.

Mohammed Ridha Al Rashedi said that generally problems between stall owners and shoppers relate to disputes over prices. He called for better security protection particularly after closing the market at the end of the day.

Meteb Al Shimari one of the shoppers said that he comes to the Friday market once every month to purchase his needs. He added that the prices are good and better than prices at other markets but, the quality is lacking. He added that the market does not have any drinking water fountains.

Saoud Mohammed said that the Friday market is well organised and that the prices are adequate if compared with other markets. He pointed out that sometimes when buying something from the market and coming back to exchange it for some reason he cannot find the stall he shopped at.

Popular cafes, a boon to workers

Lina Al Khalafawi
Arab Times staff

POPULAR cafes in Sharq and Mubarakia are common places for labourers to meet and relax after a hard day's work under the scorching sun. Such cafes as small gathering places exist and reflect a form of social activity among labourers who came to Kuwait in search of work.

These cafes usually offer tea, coffee and hubble-bubble. In Kuwait cafe-patrons who regularly visit cafes are Arabs from different countries.

If you one day go and explore the place, you will find it very simple, crowded and noisy. Cafe patrons with wide light dishdashas gather at evenings and week-ends. For them, they enjoy conversation, smoking hubble-bubble and engaging in light topics discussing wages, new work opportunities and politics.

These people of low education, who work at construction companies are paid on daily and monthly basis. They look very tanned, strong and friendly.

Cafes usually occupy small shops on the streets and extend to reach the pavements, with wooden tables and chairs. The busy place seems lively, and full with patriots who are busy playing dominoes and backgammon as soft drinks are on the way offered by tea-boys.

Another side of the cafe activity seemed interesting, with small groups chatting and discussing international and local issues such as the new labour law, infidelity, Lebanon and US as a big power in the world.

In one of the corners, a large group was sitting viewing the news on TV. Comments started when pictures of infidels were shown. The group seemed impressed with the young Palestinian stone throwers facing armed Israeli forces.

An overall view seemed interesting for Arab Times to investigate. An Egyptian working for six years in Kuwait, Ismail Sarhan said that the cafe to him means a small club where he can meet his friends. He visits the place daily to spend his spare time with his colleagues. There he can discuss his problems and seek advice, Sarhan added.

Gathering place

Another man who interrupted Sarhan said that such places (cafes) are very popular for labourers who are far away from their families. The man who introduced himself as Abdurrahman Owais said that he was here for the past 12 years as a builder. He added that the cafe is very important to him and his colleagues to meet and check on their daily matters. This cafe to them is considered a smaller system of a union.

A fifty-year-old worker, Tawfeeq Mohammed said that this is the best gathering place for workers, where they discuss jobs and exchange information about new job opportunities. Mohammed added that a single person in Kuwait is not allowed to enter clubs or other public facilities unless accompanied by families and workers have now come to realise that these cafes are the most suitable. There, they can sit freely until late hours at night, smoke hubble-bubble or chat with friends.

Modi Rajab said that he is a regular visitor, and the oldest among his colleagues. The cafe provides him with the opportunity of offering help to new workers arriving for the first time to the country.

Kuwaiti free trade zone plan: Ghanim

Dogs to help combat smuggling

KUWAIT is planning to establish a free trade zone containing stores and warehouses in the near future, Director of the Public Customs Department, Ibrahim Al Ghanim, announced yesterday. He said that as the custom charges levied in Kuwait on imports is very small, Kuwait does not actually require a true free trade zone. But he said that a free trade zone can help re-export their goods without the need to pay the four per cent custom charges obtained by the government.

In order to facilitate this, there are plans to establish a free trade zone for stores in which goods can be stored on payment of only nominal charges. He added that the department is waiting for a ministerial decision to establish the zone. Ghanim said that the Customs Department also con-

tributes to the country's industrial and agricultural produce through exempting from charges local industrial exports and also by exempting agricultural and industrial machinery imports.

Security

He said that the GCC customs departments are closely co-operating and co-ordinating with each other. GCC national products are exempted from custom charges when exported to Kuwait provided they have certificates of origin. He added that the departments also co-operates in the security field by exchanging information to apprehend smugglers. The Customs Department is planning to establish three customs centres on the borders, where imported goods will be unloaded and then transported by Kuwaiti trucks to destination in Kuwait. Through this process, the department will be able to deal more efficiently with

smugglers, the official said.

Ghanim said that the Customs Department has uncovered many smuggling and fraud operations, particularly by a number of merchants who changed the country of origin of the imported goods. He admitted that there is a problem in dealing with such fraud cases, adding that this requires efficient customs men. He added that the department co-operates in this respect with the Interior Ministry and the Customs Departments in other GCC states. Such fraudulent merchants are always subjected to fines and their imports are returned back.

He revealed that the Customs Department is planning to introduce the service of police dogs to help in the fight against smugglers. The use of such dogs has proved very successful in some European countries, the official said.

International drug seminar

Addicts in Kuwaiti schools negligible

By Qasem Nayel

A SENIOR official at the Ministry of Education denied the presence of drug addicts in Kuwaiti schools. The official who last month attended an international seminar on fighting drugs at schools, said that the number of addicts at schools in Kuwait are negligible if compared to the widespread drug use at schools in some other countries.

Director of the Social Services Department at the Education Ministry, Fa'iq Ibrahim said that a large number of countries, including large countries attended the six-day conference held in Malaysia to discuss ways and methods to fight the use of drugs in schools. He said that the conference, which is held annually, has provided a good opportunity to learn from other countries experiments in fighting drug addiction and the prevention of the use of alcohol and smoking among students. The conference discussed various methods and educational means to fight this problem.

Methods

She said that the conference accepted to hold the conference once every two years and that the next conference will be held in the Soviet Union in 1991. A number of research papers and methods of treating drug addicts were discussed during the conference. A number of countries presented samples of their own experiments on ways of detecting and treating addicts. She said that the conference stressed on the importance of early detection of cases and then early treatment. The conference emphasised in its recommendations and proposals on the need to launch wide spread awareness programmes in schools as well as society against drugs.

Recommendation

The conference also recommended that each country should pay great attention to undertaking a study on the use of drugs among youths and school students. The conference also called upon participating countries to continue contacts and consultations to discuss the issues relating to drugs. She said that the conference also proposed holding training courses for teachers in order to train them in methodologies to discover drug addicts and users among their students. It called for paying more attention towards the role of families in fighting drugs by enlightening them about its dangers. The conference also called for closely looking to the needs of youths, solving their problems and also by holding camps and programmes to engage their leisure time.

KTV under fire for sub-standard serials

KUWAIT TELEVISION authorities are currently carrying out a detailed study on the satellite stations being received in Kuwait through the use of special satellite dishes. Director of Kuwait TV Programmes Ibrahim Al Mudaf announced that the minister of information has ordered the study which will be completed within the next few months.

Asked if the ministry is planning to introduce charges on people having satellite dishes, he said that this will be decided after the study is completed. During repeated telephone calls he received during an on-the-phone interview organised by an Arabic daily, Mudaf defended the standard of programmes shown over both channels of Kuwait TV. The callers sharply criticised the standard of programmes, particularly those shown on the first Arabic channel.

The viewers claimed that over 70 per cent of the material shown on Programme One is of sub-standard Egyptian productions, especially the serials that follow the main evening news at 9. Mudaf said that KTV is carrying out a poll among viewers in order to see what are the most preferred programmes and their timings.

He said that the Cine Club will be restored during the October session and a number of selected films will be shown during the weekly programme. Commenting on the accusation that Kuwait TV shows sub-standard Arabic films, Mudaf said that these are the films available and KTV chooses the best from what is available.

He admitted that the quality of programmes shown on KTV 2 are better than those shown on KTV1, attributing this to the fact that the KTV 2 gets better programmes and materials from many art production companies.

About the new sports channel, he said that all sports activities will be shown only on this channel. He said that KTV authorities are currently discussing with the education ministry ways to produce scientific programmes aimed at benefiting students at schools.

About the reasons for stopping the Falcon Crest series, Mudaf said that the 9th part of the series has become so socially oriented that it does not suit the customs and traditions of the Kuwaiti society. Mudaf said that the religious lecture which was being aired weekly for Sheikh Mohammad Shaarawi and stopped during summer, will be restored on KTV I during October.

There was some uncertainty over stopping the programme among viewers, but Mudaf stressed that the TV is waiting for new recordings of the programme.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lebanese return

KUWAIT, July 29, (KUNA): A number of 11 Lebanese wounded Sunday returned home after receiving treatment in Kuwaiti hospitals.

Sources at the Public Health Ministry here expected that another 3 Lebanese wounded from East Beirut will return on Tuesday via Larnaca.

Kuwait brought 71 Lebanese wounded in the last two months by sending two private planes to each of Damascus and Larnaca to transport them for treatment in Kuwaiti hospitals.

ASCA discussions

KUWAIT, July 29, (KUNA): The examination supervisory board of the Arab Society of Certified Accountants (ASCA) has concluded its discussions in Riyadh.

Discussions during the meetings which concluded yesterday centred on the final plan and arrangements for conducting level one of the qualifying exam for the title "Arab Certified Accountant" which will be held on November 28, 1989.

Chairman of ASCA Talal Abu Ghazala said that in view of the tremendous appeal across the whole of the Arab nation the examination supervisory board has decided to extend the closing date for receipt of applications to August 31, 1989.

Kuwaiti monument

ABU DHABI, July 29, (KUNA): Construction of a big monument in Kuwait in Sharjah Emirate will be completed next October and the inauguration ceremony will be held on Kuwait's 29th National Day anniversary, marked on February 25, 1990.

Charge d'Affaires of Kuwait embassy in the United Arab Emirates Adel Mohammed Abdul Ghani told Kuwait News Agency here today that this monument represents Kuwait's past and present.

He noted that the monument comes as an expression of affection of the people of Sharjah and their ruler Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qasbi, who ordered the building of the monument, for Kuwait.

Communications

KUWAIT, July 29, (KUNA): Communications Minister Abdullah Al Sharhan today chaired a meeting of the Higher Planning Committee that discussed a wide range of issues, chiefly the Kuwait-Bahrain cable.

The meeting, attended by senior officials of the ministry, also examined telephone services for chalets and looked into a study on rationalising expenditure.

Stabbed to death

KUWAIT, July 29, (KUNA): Police have arrested a Jordanian national, Monadel M., and charged him with the stabbing to death of Hassan M., Palestinian, in the Jawahker area, Interior Ministry sources said today.

A statement said police officials have started interrogating the accused, who stabbed his victim several times with a knife, till he lost his life.

The Jawahker area is home of hundreds of animal-raising barns.

Co-op meeting

CAIRO, July 29, (KUNA): The Secretary-General of the Union of Arab Co-operative Societies, chaired by the union's Secretary-General, Hesham Towfig ended meetings here today.

During the three-day conference, the representatives of a number of Arab states including Kuwait, discussed amending the union's by-laws according to its board of directors 8th session decision last April.

Kuwait's representative, Barak Nasser Al Noun told KUNA that the amendment was discussed to cope with the union's development in different fields.

GCC real estate

RIYADH, July 29, (KUNA): A technical committee of the Gulf Co-operation Council will hold a meeting in Riyadh tomorrow to study, evaluate and organise ownership of real estate by citizens of the GCC states, which was approved by its supreme council during its fifth session held in Kuwait.

The meeting, to be attended by a number of experts from minister of finance and justice of the GCC states, will deal with the council's five years experience in this connection and its benefits to the GCC citizens.

KPTC planning marine route to Kheiran

By Jamal Amin

UWAIT Public Transport Corporation (KPTC) is currently studying a plan to start a new marine route from Salamiya to Kheiran Resort. Chairman for Technical Marine Affairs at KPTC, Bader Al-Jarrah said that the study will be completed within the next few months. The new plan will offer a one day trip package to passengers to the full day at Kheiran Resort

and return. He stressed that the charges will be nominal.

He announced that the KPTC has no plans to reduce its manpower, adding that as the company is expanding and adding new projects, it will still need more technical and administrative manpower. Jarrah said that the KPTC keeps strict supervision and inspection over its buses on all routes and that some inspections are sudden in order to ensure smooth service to the public.

Periodical maintenance and checkups are mandatory to ensure the safety of passengers using KPTC buses.

Najjar said that the KPTC covers all employees and passengers with comprehensive insurance and life insurance. He announced that the company has plans to expand its marine transportation services. Studies are under way to examine the possibility of extending the marine transportation service to Bahrain

and Basra and these plans will be implemented after the necessary studies are completed. He said that the KPTC workshops also undertakes some maintenance contracts for other institutions.

KPTC will sign a contract in the next few days with Kuwait Municipality to carry out maintenance of over 110 heavy machineries. The contract value is over KD1 million. A number of other contracts with a number of ministries and public

establishments will be signed later, the official said.

Najjar said that the KPTC which began with 100 buses in 1965, now has over 2,168 buses. He said that the number of buses with KPTC was 2,836 in 1984. However, a number of buses were sold after the Ministry of Education reduced its plans to transport students to schools. He added that the KPTC also manages state garages and workshops and carries out the necessary maintenance.



FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In ever-loving memory of
Rina Emilia Christalino
D'Mello

Born: 27-11-1900 (Tunawo Cortallim)
Died: 31-7-1988 (Margao)
There will be a Requiem Mass for the soul of Christalino on 31st July at 7.15 am at the Holy Family Cathedral.

Offered by Victor D'Mello and her sorrowful sons and daughters-in-law and family. Relatives and friends, kindly accept this as the only intimation.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THE borrower is a servant to the lender — the Bible.

Reshuffle blows up in Maggie's hands

Seamy details leak out

PRIME Minister Margaret Thatcher's radical cabinet reshuffle this week — designed to polish her Conservative government's image in the face of sagging opinion polls — has instead resulted in further damage to its credibility and bruised egos on all sides.

There was nothing unprecedented in moving the seasoned elder statesman Geoffrey Howe from the Foreign Office to a new job as deputy prime minister and party leader in Parliament: Lord Peter Carrington, Thatcher's first and most famous foreign secretary, and Howe's predecessor, Francis Pym, have long since departed the Foreign Office.

But the heavy-handed way in which she handled her cabinet staff during the day-long series of meetings Monday was more like a boss in a company boardroom than a prime minister who recently marked 10 years in office.

The seamy details have leaked into print, radio and television, backfiring on Thatcher so seriously that some analysts believe it could be the first signal of her impending downfall in the next election.

The soft-spoken Howe, 62, consistently loyal to Thatcher, had to be surprised at his removal after having been assured his job was safe. Just as surprised was Home Secretary Douglas Hurd when reporters told him — after a briefing at Thatcher's 10 Downing Street official residence — that Thatcher had offered Hurd's job to Howe.

British newspapers were almost unanimous in reporting that Thatcher had botched the handling of the reshuffle, giving heavy play to leaked reports of the bargaining over Hurd's job.

"Margaret Thatcher's reshuffle has blown up in her own hands," said Peter Jenkins, one of Britain's most respected political commentators, in the Independent.

The Guardian said that Howe "has now suffered the deepest humiliation, having his job whipped from under him."

The Daily Telegraph said the revelations of how Sir Geoffrey was removed "had taken the shine off a series of moves intended to improve the government's image."

"In what came close to an apology," the Telegraph added, Thatcher "gave instructions for a message to the Home Office yesterday reaffirming her 'great confidence' in Hurd."

Several Conservative politicians, outraged that details of Monday's bargaining at 10 Downing St had leaked out, called for changes in Thatcher's press department.

The uproar has also taken the blush off the praise that Thatcher received for compromising with the 12 European Economic Community leaders at a summit meeting in Madrid. Newspapers attributed Howe's rebuff largely to the fact he had pressed Thatcher into the conciliatory stance on European Economic and Monetary Union at the meeting against her will.

Press commentators are also questioning Thatcher's choice of John Major, at 46 a virtually unknown junior treasury minister, to replace Howe in a job he will have to learn from scratch.

World statesmen will have to wait until Sunday to find out more about Major when he attends the Cambodia conference in Paris on his first foreign assignment.

A Thatcher spokesman told United Press International that the prime minister feels the controversy had been "over-hyped" in the press.

"An awful lot of comment and views are being thrown around. The prime minister now has the government she wants as she intended," he said.

Asked what might be done to limit the damage, he said: "We won't go into detail about anything that went on between her and her colleagues. We can't be drawn into speculation and intrigue. A lot of this has been over-hyped by the media."

Yet the damage has been done and most commentators feel Thatcher has undermined the credibility of her own newly appointed lieutenants and discredited her government at a time it is faring badly in opinion polls.

Hurd and Howe, so far, have refrained from publicly debating the reshuffle, and Major too has steered clear from any pronouncements.

PRESS REVIEW

Al Watan: A Kuwaiti newspaper commented editorially on the recent talks held between Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Palestinian figures from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Al Watan, daily said that the meeting between Shamir and the Palestinian lawyer Jamil Al Tarifi has been a meeting between the oppressor and the oppressed.

What is important about this meeting for Israel, the paper said, is that it represents an attempt to look for an alternative to the PLO in the hope of creating a Palestinian leadership that is not connected with the PLO.

For the PLO, the paper added, the meeting demonstrates that no such encounter can be held without its knowledge and consent and by this, it "forced" Israel to engage in indirect negotiations with it.

The paper expressed belief that Israel is betting on ending the Palestinian uprising before imposing its agenda for negotiations that aim to prolong its occupation.

The paper concluded by asserting that this Israeli position is certain to fail because the Palestinian uprising is continuing and only this uprising will be able to end the occupation and achieve the independence of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. (KUNA)

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1646 — French troops aided by Swedish Army invade Bavaria.
- 1709 — British forces under Duke of Marlborough and Savoy's Prince Eugene defeat French at Tournai in Belgium.
- 1870 — Austria revokes Concordat with papacy after decree of papal infallibility.
- 1907 — Elections are held in Philippines for the first assembly.
- 1916 — German saboteurs blow up munitions plant on Black Top Island, near Jersey City, New Jersey, prior to US entry in World War I.
- 1922 — Nationalist forces capture Tipperary in Ireland from rebels.
- 1930 — Kurds stage uprising on Persian-Turkish frontier.
- 1948 — Hungarian leader Zoltan Tildy is forced to resign; Amnesty is proclaimed in Philippines for Huk rebels but they refuse to comply.
- 1953 — Britain signs alliance with Libya.
- 1971 — US Apollo 15 astronauts David R. Scott and James B. Irwin land on Moon.
- 1972 — Soviet Union's Navy says it can detect and destroy enemy vessel anywhere in the world.
- 1974 — Greece, Turkey and Britain sign declaration for ceasefire agreement on Cyprus.
- 1976 — It is reported that at least 100,000 people have perished in earthquake in northeastern China that shattered the city of Tangshan (Tangshan).
- 1977 — Syrian soldiers of Arab League's peacekeeping force in Lebanon set up gun positions around two main Palestinian refugee camps to help control commandos.
- 1987 — Three thousand Indian peacekeeping troops land in rebel-dominated Jaffna peninsula in Sri Lanka to make certain Tamil rebels abide by Indian-mediated peace accord.
- 1988 — Bomb explodes at busy shopping plaza outside Johannesburg, South Africa, injuring at least 57 people.



Mazriyeh Dabbagh: 'I'm a woman of all trades.'

Sisterhood of chadors

Iranian women optimistic about future

By Fathima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

"ALL faces are beautiful; some faces may be prettier than others, but without make-up, all faces look alike. No one is very pretty, no one very ugly," asserts a 23-year-old Iranian woman, who met during one of the lunches in the dining room of the Englebar Hotel in Tehran.

There is some truth in her words. In the chador, all Iranian women look like black dots, differing only in shape and size, growing taller or shorter, larger or smaller, depending on the height and weight of the person. Nearly all women are slim and petite, faces adorned with sharp Persian features. Even without lipstick, they have luscious pink lips. And their expressive doe-eyes emit friendliness.

Most eyes tell a story, like Marziyeh's eyes, glowing fiercely with pride or mellowing as memories remind her of some incident left far behind in time. Her eyes flare up occasionally as she narrates tales of torture she endured during the Pahlavi regime.

Marziyeh Hadidehchi Dabbagh is the deputy secretary-general of the Women's Society of Iran. A robust person, her eyes sparkle with mirth as she says: "I'm a woman of all trades."

With more than 500 women under her care, she acted as nurse and caretaker to the cantankerous lot, catering to almost all their needs, from organising bazaar trips to sending them to hospital.

Intrigued, many journalists asked for an interview. She granted one — at midnight, the only time "I am free." She shut her weary eyes and rolled up on the sofa to narrate her story.

One by one, she opened some pages of her life. Organising the Congress must have been a piece of cake for Marziyeh, who was one of the most politically active women in the Shah's regime. Marziyeh's arrest and subsequent torture by the dreaded SAVAK is now a legend among the women of Iran, who look up to her.

Ordeal

She survived the ordeal. "They (SAVAK) wanted to break me," she said, showing burn marks on her body. Apparently she was tortured with cigarettes and other tools. They could not, even though they employed emotional blackmail, by torturing her 12-year-old daughter in front of her. Her daughter, she said, holds no grudge against her for her ordeal. All that has emerged into memories that sustain the revolution.

Marziyeh was imprisoned for a total of four and a half years, before breaking jail and escaping to her underground shelters in such countries as Lebanon, Syria, France and the UK. She'd rather not talk about her exile. "It's all in the past."

Her childhood memories are still clear in her mind. "I was a mischievous child, and a restless soul," she said.

Marziyeh was born in Hamadan, she admits to being "never submissive," she behaved like a boy, raising many eyebrows. Her adventurous days were over at the age of seven. She was brought up on strict Islamic teachings and moral codes, which became ingrained in her.

At 13, she got married and moved to Tehran. "I did not know my husband, but anyway I looked forward to marriage," she said. She liked the idea of living in Tehran.

Her husband, an accountant, believed in monogamy. "He told me, I love only one God. And I want only one wife," she said.

She mothered seven children, including five

daughters. Her arrival in Tehran in the early 1960s transformed her life. She became a political activist.

Appalled with the immorality she saw in Tehran, men and women drinking and gambling, she knew she had to do something. "I didn't know what I could do. Women had become chattels; I could not stand the low morals. Everything shocked me," she recalls.

"While Farah Deba (Shah's wife) bathed in milk, thousands of children starved in the villages. It was a desperate situation," she adds.

She didn't quite know what to do, so she took up Islamic studies at a nearby mosque, where she met some members of an opposition group, which wanted to oust the Shah, led by Dr Sayyedi, an Islamic scholar. She joined the group. Thus began her political career in 1967. She was 26.

After the massacre of 15,000 demonstrators in Tehran, she became actively involved in politics. Half of those killed were thrown into a salt lake, the rest were buried in a mass grave. Her son also died, protesting the Shah's rule.

Dr Sayyedi was killed in 1968. At that time, Khomeini's views impressed her and became an ardent follower.

In exile she "served the imam" in France. She returned to Iran with Khomeini.

The years in exile are fuzzy in her memory. Her single task was to serve Khomeini, and carry on the message of Islam.

"I'll continue my struggle for Islam to the last drop of blood in my body," she asserts.

During the sisters' mobilisation programme, started 10 months after the republic was formed, she took military training. Later she trained women "to prepare them to go to war in case their services were needed."

Photographs of soldiers during combat training are common place. Marziyeh's photographs, wearing a gun and lying flat on the desert sands seemed a trifle strange. She trained, wearing a chador. No, no, she never felt discomfort, but she did enjoy the power of holding a gun.

She doesn't delve deeply into the years she trained, or the period she trained other women. Those days are a closely guarded secret.

Complaints

She now heads a parliamentary committee that looks into complaints against "ministers, heads of states and department heads at ministries." From men? "Both men and women. I examine the complaints against everyone and listen to everyone," she said.

Mrs Dabbagh, as she is known among other Iranian women, blends into the sisterhood of chadors. Yet, in her own way, she stands out as an outstanding example of courageous womanhood.

"All Iranian women have a good future; they have freed themselves while the women in Third World countries are still fighting for basic freedom from a traditional role," she said. "We (Iranian women) are free, free," she insists.

Except, of course, to hold political jobs. "A woman can never become president of Iran," asserts Marziyeh.

"Most women squirm at the sight of blood; they are not suited to become head of state," she said.

Marziyeh didn't. "I'm an exception to the rule; not the rule," she said.

She predicts a rosy picture for the women of her country.

It may be cumbersome in the sweltering summer heat, but the black chador, in no way restricts the freedom of women in Iran. "Their freedom surprises me," said a Pakistani journalist, who feels that the purdah (veil) binds women in the sub-continent. "Look at them, they can do anything they like," she said.

Iranian women are bold, brash, brazen and outspoken, making their presence felt, be it at the bus stop or in the office.

Literacy among women is estimated to be high, about 55 to 60 per cent, said Effat, a liaison officer and director of the department in the Education Ministry. Her job is to oversee the standard of education to continually upgrade teacher training.

How do you deal with men? She lowers her eyes and says: "Like this; we have no communication gaps." Her ministry also holds adult-literacy classes and encourages education among both girls and boys.

Chador

Draped in her black chador, 18-year-old Sepideh looks rather inconspicuous in a crowd. On a one-to-one basis, she comes alive, bubbling with vigour. She is studying to become a Persian-English translator. Speaking in a fluent American accent, (she lived in the US until 1979) she outlines her future plans. Too young to even consider marriage, she talks of a career. "First things first, I'll study English, and become a translator. After that, I'll pursue a career," she said. Naturally! Sepideh is the face of the future.

"Most mothers want their daughters wed by the age of 20. At 24, she is considered an old maiden," explains Mina.

"I want him to be educated; my mother wants him to be rich," she said, commenting on what she wants in her husband. At 31, she is unmarried, because she could not find the right man.

Afsaneh married the man of her dreams six months ago. She was introduced to her husband by "friends of the family."

"We talked to each other before marriage," she said. Did you talk to him in the presence of elders. "No, I was shy before others; we discussed many things and found we shared several likes and dislikes," she said. Her marriage was organised by her parents.

Afsaneh was taken aback by the suggestion that she should wear a pink or a green chador to match her dress. She becomes reflective. "I would like to wear a pink chador, but everyone would laugh at me; moreover it is now a tradition to wear black."

"Black is more formal," explains Afsaneh. "Any other colour would get dirty," adds Mina.

"If we have guests, we wear a light colour chador, that's informal. On the streets, we prefer black," Mina said.

Do you ever want to take off the chador? Most women change the topic of discussion.

On the streets of Tehran's affluent northern suburb, we can see some women driving to the bazaar. It seems there has been some relaxation. With sunglasses, wearing lipstick and nail polish women stroll down the bustling central bazaar streets. Jeans and Westernised clothes are common among the affluent Tehranis. "It's more relaxed now," said one woman, pointing out to a woman wearing a colourful scarf, thrown carelessly over her shoulders, showing a lock of blonde hair; blue jeans sticking out from under the roushous (overcoat). Her face looks prettier than the rest.

Benetton Formula One team chief Peter Collins, on the idea that the technical support be made available to more than one team.

"History was made in big games." — Terry Bradshaw, talking on his achievement of being made MVP in two NFL title games.

"My problem is I think too much. I took big jumps today and I didn't give it my full concentration." — weightlifter Karyn Marshall, a financial analyst on Wall Street, after failing to break the world record at the US Olympic Festival.

"I saw stars." — Khaosai Galaxy, who retained his WBA junior bantamweight boxing title, after falling to the canvas and taking a mandatory count of eight.

"I don't think anybody can afford to expand their operation or spread resources until they are beating Honda." —

"United we stand. Divided we waste manpower and money." — Ying-Yi Wu, a representative of the Mid-America Association for Democracy in China said.

"I am sure I will be much better tomorrow, after I have a proper rest and a good sleep. I've been doing a lot of work lately, not only racing but other things." — World Formula One racing champion Ayrton Senna after declining to attend a post-qualifying press conference.

"I am not playing my best tennis now." — Sweden's Stefan

Afghans head home

Countless obstacles

MOHAMMAD ANWAR stopped the car near Iran's eastern border and led his wife and three children in an hour-long trek across the desert into Afghanistan.

The 35-year-old Afghan farmer, who had lived in Iran for 11 years as a refugee from the war in his homeland, feared his family would be killed on the crossing by either Afghan mujahideen rebels or government troops.

"Finally we made it and everything was alright," he said, after reaching a refugee centre in the Afghan capital Kabul.

"We made it back to my country. I thanked God."

Anwar is one of several thousand refugees who have returned to this war-shattered country since 1986.

Foreign relief workers in camps in Pakistan, the country to Afghanistan's east where 3.2 million refugees are now living, say Afghans have expressed an increasing willingness in the past three years to return home.

"A movement exists," says Alfredo Witschi Cestari, head of the Kabul office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Afghan leaders had hoped the 1988 Geneva peace accord signed by Islamabad — which backs the mujahideen rebels — and by Kabul's pro-Soviet government, would bring refugees back in greater numbers.

The accord led to last February's withdrawal of Soviet troops and was aimed at ending the war, helping refugees return home and halting foreign involvement in the conflict.

Instead, fighting has continued between rebels and Afghan soldiers, and six million refugees remain in Iran and Pakistan — more than one third of Afghanistan's 17 million people.

Ekrum Paigir, the Afghan minister responsible for returnees, estimates 200,000 refugees have returned since 1986, compared with the one million the government had expected.

The refugees have become a political issue for both sides and Western relief workers and foreign diplomats say mujahideen based in Pakistan have threatened refugees who want to go home.

"There are threats. There are physical threats," said one relief worker, who asked not to be named. Another familiar with the camps said rebels had also threatened foreign volunteers.

"There's a lot of rough playing going on now in Peshawar," one diplomat in Kabul said. He said rebels in the Pakistani city that is temporary home to many refugees were preventing them from leaving for fear of losing grass-roots support.

The UNHCR declined comment on these politically sensitive reports.

Torn
The decade-long war, in which more than one million Afghans have died, has torn Afghanistan's social fabric and disrupted traditional lifestyles.

Before the war, 70 per cent of the population lived in rural areas. But the bloodshed has caused people to flee the countryside, with more than half the population now residing in and around Afghanistan's urban centres.

"There's practically no family that has not been affected by the war," said Georges Paclisau, deputy chief of the International Committee of the Red Cross delegation in Kabul.

Fighting along the eastern border near Pakistan, as well as millions of land mines left behind by Soviet troops and Afghanistan's rugged mountain ranges, have created a logistical nightmare for those trying to help refugees return.

The Afghan government says it has set up "guest houses" in 24 of the country's 30 provinces to provide temporary housing for returning refugees until they can be transported by land or air back to their provinces.

Paigir says Kabul has spent two billion Afghanis (\$38 million) on aid for the returnees, but desperately needs foreign assistance for those yet to return.

The problems don't end once the refugees are back.

According to Afghan custom, a man whose younger brother has died should marry his sibling's widow. Relief workers say the war has brought a tragic twist to this ancient tradition.

Families often give up for dead men who have joined the mujahideen or fled as refugees, only to have the husbands return and find their women remarried.

One relief worker said the younger man in this situation often killed himself, or his wife and brother.

Life in refugee camps has left many Afghans socially and economically handicapped by wrenching them from their traditional livelihoods. Many of the children have known only war and have not learned their parents' trades.

"You have now an entire generation that has from one day to the other been cut from their roots," said Witschi Cestari.

The Kabul government says it is offering financial assistance, as well as emergency food supplies, land, seed and fertilizer to help returning refugees get back on their feet.

Afghan President Najibullah says Islamabad, by continuing to back the mujahideen, has broken its Geneva accord promise to facilitate the voluntary repatriation of refugees.

"The Pakistani side ... creates obstacles for the voluntary return of the Afghan refugees, but the Afghan side is ready to fulfil its obligations," he told reporters in mid-July.

Foreign experts say that even if the fighting ends, there is a long way to go before most of the refugees return.

Edberg, after losing to American Andre Agassi in Tokyo yesterday.

"The game is fun again." — Hal Sutton, after finishing the second nine-under-par 135 at the Buick Open yesterday to share the lead.

"Washington has set off a stink bomb and Austrians have caught a strong whiff of the smoke." — a leading Austrian daily Die Presse commented on Washington investigations of US diplomat suspected of spying.

"I am not sure anyone else will be able to come out. But those who manage to come out should carry forward the tasks that they wish to carry out, and those who did wish to carry out." — Wuer Kaizi, an organizer of the pro-democracy demonstrations in China said.

Landslide victory for Rafsanjani

Constitutional amendments approved

TEHRAN, July 29, (AP): The powerful Parliament Speaker, Hashemi Rafsanjani, secured today a landslide victory in Iran's presidential elections according to early election results released by the Islamic Republic News Agency.

IRNA also said that 97 per cent of the voters approved constitutional amendments in a referendum held alongside the presidential elections, also according to preliminary results.

It said Rafsanjani, 54, received eight million of a total number of 8.5 votes counted by midday (0830 GMT), or 12 hours after the polling

stations closed. That meant that the middle-aged cleric, who has emerged as Iran's strongman since the death of Ayatollah Khomeini on June 3, has gathered 94 per cent of the votes in 124 constituencies.

The preliminary results excluded votes cast in Tehran, a city of seven million people, IRNA said.

Rafsanjani's only challenger in the election was Abass Sheibani, a Parliament deputy from Tehran who does not have a national political power base.

Iran's main opposition group, Mujahedeen Khalq, said IRNA statement released at its headquarters in Baghdad that the turnout at the election was very poor.

It said that at the Imam Hussein polling stations in Tehran, for example, 5,000 voters were expected to cast their ballots, but only 1,000 showed up.

It said the Interior Ministry declined to prolong voting hours, not because of the influx of people, but in the hope that more voters would be persuaded to cast their ballots.

Reporters said the turnout was sluggish yesterday morning, but picked up later in the day.

"The way they have been urging people to get out and vote has been very desperate," a Mujahedeen spokesman said in a telephone interview with the Associated Press in Nicosia.

A statement by the group claimed that at polling stations in Ghani Abad and Shahr-e-Ray in south Tehran, the fundamentalist Revolutionary Guards watched voters closely. They beat up some and arrested others who tried to vote against constitutional amendments.

Rafsanjani's victory had been a foregone conclusion, but the number of votes he received reflected support even stronger than expected.

"Iranians overwhelmingly vote for Rafsanjani," read the headline of IRNA's urgent dispatch on the early results.

It said in English that although Rafsanjani had been expected to win, "this massive victory will give greater confidence to his administration."

Sheibani, 58, a candidate in the 1981 presidential race, was a student activist against Iran's previous ruler, the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, in the 1940s. He spent 13 years in prison before Khomeini's Islamic revolution toppled the monarchy in 1979.

Public opinion polls published earlier this year had predicted 86 per cent of the votes for Rafsanjani and 11 per cent for his opponent.

IRNA said Rafsanjani's victory was hailed by all newspapers which went by results from a few constituencies released at 2.30 am (2300 GMT).

The newspapers, added IRNA, published pictures of the white-turbaned, mustachioed clerics smiling happily as he cast his ballot yesterday.

In Qom, the central religious city and seat of the country's leading theologians, 216,000 of the 227,000 votes were for Rafsanjani, IRNA said.

A Jordanian newspaper expressed hope today that the new Iranian leadership would head Arab and international efforts to restore permanent peace to the Gulf.

Dealing with Iran remains the best option for winning the release of nine US hostages held in Lebanon, but the United States must not rule out talking to the captors or paying ransom, according to a study on terrorism released.

No trade: Hezbollah

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Foreign Affairs Boutros Boutros Ghali told reporters.

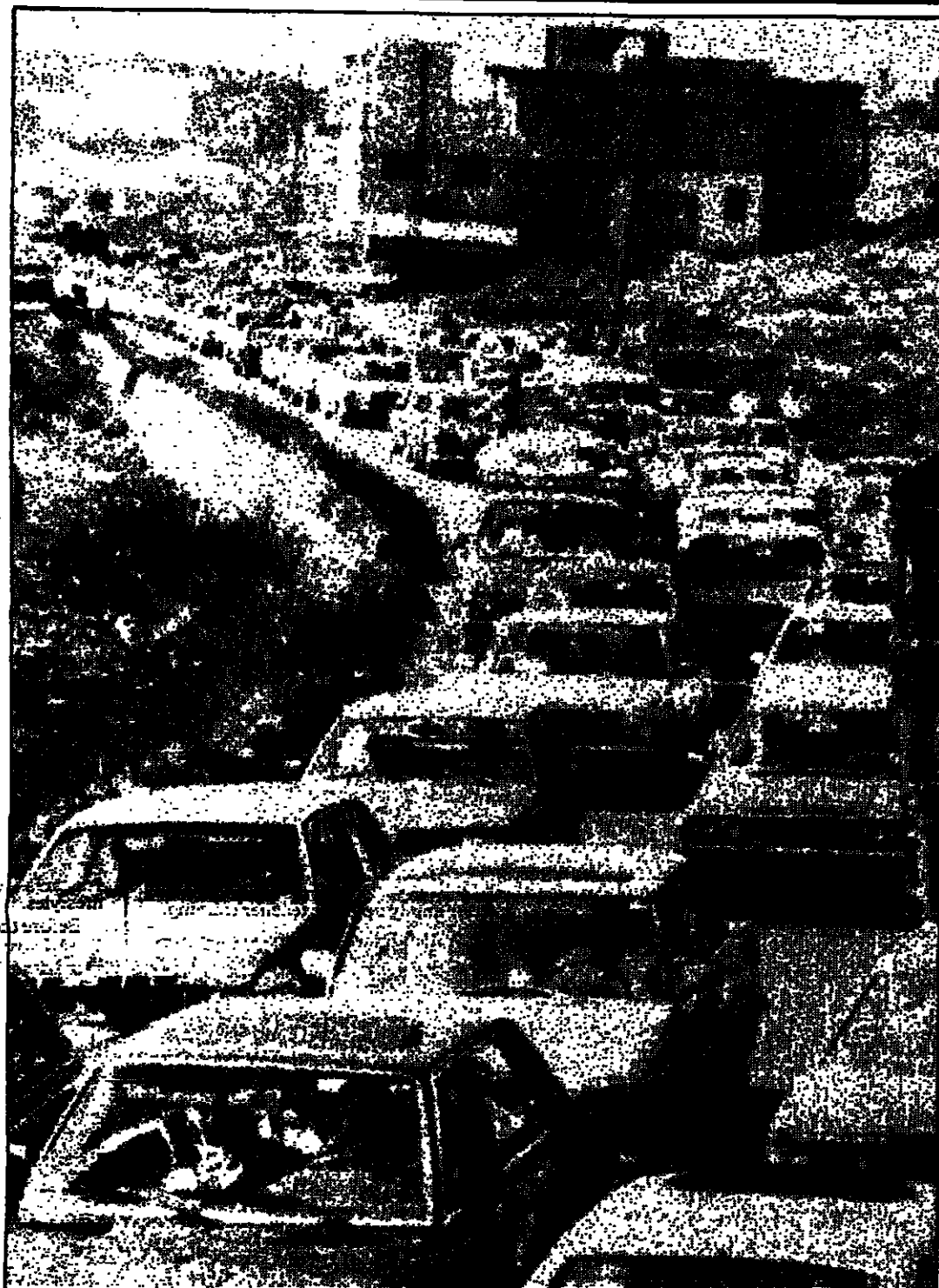
United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar today condemned the kidnapping and asked that they be returned to Lebanon.

"The secretary-general deplors this action which constitutes a violation of Lebanese sovereignty and can only increase tension in an already explosive area," his spokesman said in a statement.

Iran today denied what it termed the world's deadly silence in the face of Israel's abduction of a Muslim leader from Lebanon.

Tehran Radio quoted Prime Minister Hossein Mousavi as saying the kidnapping of Obeid "will definitely brighten the just struggle of Lebanese Muslims against Israel and their Phalangist ally."

The Israeli Army today warned Hezbollah militia against arming hostages in retaliation for Israel's seizure of its leader.



Refugees trail

Lebanese families, escaping savage artillery bombardment that hit Beirut, cram into cars with their portable belongings and head to southern Lebanon today to join relatives or other refugees who took refuge in schools and tents. (Reuters wirephoto)

Beirut amid carnage

Hundreds flee ghost city

BEIRUT, July 29, (Agencies): A stream of cars packed with personal belongings choked the coastal highway out of Beirut today as Lebanese fled the carnage that has turned their capital into a ghost city.

Wide-eyed children sat on the backs of pickups which jammed the highway alongside cars with mattresses strapped to their roofs - televisions, radios, clothing and food filled virtually every nook.

A full after three nights of relentless artillery duels between Syrian gunners and mainly Christian troops allowed hundreds to flee the city after apparently giving up hope that Arab peace makers could end the fighting.

According to some estimates up to three-quarters of Beirut's one million people have left the city since mid-March after fighting erupted when Christian army commander Major-General Michel Aoun vowed to drive Syria's 40,000 troops out of Lebanon.

One person died and 30 were wounded overnight bringing to 40 the number of people killed and the wounded toll to 180 in the past three days.

Thousands of Lebanese have already moved from Beirut to the relative safety of south Lebanon where they are living in tents, schools and with relatives.

Others have fled to Syria and Cyprus.

Many Lebanese said they had little hope that an Arab League foreign ministers' committee

scheduled for today in the Moroccan capital Rabat would relieve their suffering.

People remaining in Beirut took advantage of the morning lull to sweep away broken glass and rubble caused by the night shelling and to buy food.

Police said eight people were killed and 42 wounded in overnight and early morning exchanges across the divided capital, where 1.5 million people lived when the current round of violence broke out March 8.

The latest casualties raised the overall toll to 502 killed and 2,056 wounded in the 19-week confrontation between Christian Army commander Gen Michel Aoun's troops and Syrian forces.

A police spokesman said that only 250,000 people remained in the city after more than four months of almost daily artillery duels.

The fighting erupted after Aoun imposed a naval blockade on illegal ports run by Muslim militias south of Beirut in an effort to recover around \$100 million annually in lost customs revenues.

The Syrians joined the Muslim militias shelling the Christian enclave north of Beirut in retaliation and blocked its land entrances, trapping around one million people there.

The Syrians, who consider Lebanon within their sphere of influence, keep around 400,000 troops in predominantly Muslim areas under a 1976 Arab League mandate to end the civil war, now in its 15th year.

Arab boycott of Israel is 'war without blood,' Syrian lawyer says

CHICAGO, July 29, (KUNA): A prominent Syrian lawyer and an expert on the Arab boycott of Israel has lashed out against what he described as the "myths and misconceptions" prevalent in the United States about the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

Some of these misconceptions, he said, claim that the Arab boycott of Israel is an "illegal act" undertaken by the Arab states against persons of a certain faith. It is also characterised as anti-American behaviour, prompting US anti-boycott legislation directed against Americans dealing with Arabs.

Dr Muhammad Aziz Shukri, a legal adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Syria, where the Arab Boycott office is located, said the Zionist lobby made the US Congress believe that American rights had been violated by the Arab boycott laws and regulations.

The "cruellest myth" about the Arab boycott of Israel, according to Shukri, is that it is an illegal act as it contravenes the norms of public international law.

"I cannot but observe the hypocrisy in advancing it by some American jurists and statesmen alike. To

Bashir tightens grip over country

KHARTOUM, July 29, (Reuters): Sudan's military junta has formally tightened its grip over all affairs of state a month after toppling the civilian government.

The 15-member junta, headed by coup leader General Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, issued a decree granting the next head of state overwhelming powers. Bashir, already prime minister, defence minister and commander-in-chief, is the obvious candidate.

The decree gives the head of state authority to declare war, impose a state of emergency and supervise the work of the judiciary, the offices of the attorney-general and the auditor-general, the official Sudan News Agency said today. He would also have authority over the civil service.

Bashir, an obscure brigadier until he ousted Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi's government on June 30, has already imposed a state of emergency, suspended the constitution, dissolved parliament, political parties and trade unions and closed down the press.

Under the same decree, the junta is given a supervisory role over the 21 man civilian cabinet appointed on July 9 to run day-to-day affairs.

Sudan's former head of state, Ahmed Ali Al Mirghani, was on holiday in Crete when Bashir, 45, seized power and is now reported to be seeking political asylum in Cairo.

Mirghani was chairman of the five-man supreme council, a joint presidency. All other members are in detention following the arrest of Mirghani Al Nasri this week on his return from an official visit to Geneva.

Some 50 other politicians including Mahdi are also in jail. Bashir has said the former prime minister and others may face trial for corruption and a possible death penalty if convicted.

Bashir arrived in Saudi Arabia today on his first visit abroad since the coup, the official Saudi Press Agency said.

It reported he was greeted at the airport by King Fahd Ibn Abdulaziz, whose country was one of the first to express support for Bashir after the coup.

Bashir today appointed veteran legal expert Galal Ali Lotfy as head of the judiciary. He sacked the head of the Civil Aviation Authority, Al-Sir Hassan Bashir, and named retired Army Brigadier Mahgoub Mohamed Mahdi as his replacement.

Sudan's military junta said drug dealers could be executed instead of getting the maximum three years in jail drug-related offences previously attracted.

An official decree said people dealing in opium or growing hashish and those who owned, ran or "protected" premises where drugs were being used could receive death penalties, the official Sudan News Agency reported today.

The junta, which seized power on June 30, said people who used opium or hashish would receive punishments of three to seven years in jail.

Sudan, a country of 25 million people, does not have a serious drug problem. The most widely-used illicit drug in Sudan is a local brand of hashish called bango.

Baseball match

Saudis deny

RIYADH, July 29, (AP): Saudi Arabia today denied a report that Saudi athletes have played in a baseball match for teenagers in Ramstein, West Germany.

"There is no Saudi Arabian sports team of that age or any age in West Germany. There is no Saudi player who plays baseball, and it is not a game that is listed among the activities of Saudi sports teams," the official Saudi Press Agency said, quoting an unidentified official of the Youth Welfare Agency.

On Sunday reports from Ramstein said national teams from Saudi Arabia and Israel played each other in the European Little League baseball tournament, held at the US Air Force Base. They said it was the first time ever that athletes from the two countries meet in such a game.

those, only the Arab boycott of Israel, it seems, is a grave violation of international law," he asserted.

American boycott measures, Shukri explained, are "politically motivated" while the Arab boycott of Israel, has a solid legal justification, Shukri argued.

He then explained that all the Arabs states have been in a state of war with Israel since 1948.

"What counts here is that the state of war in the legal sense still exists, neither ceasefires, nor truces, nor armistice agreements end it. Only peace treaties do. And this was confirmed by Israel itself when

signing the peace treaty with Egypt in 1979," Shukri said.

"According to the laws of war, which incidentally have not been invented by the Arabs or Arab states, the combatants are entitled to the use of any weapon to subdue the adversary. A boycott is only one of these legitimate weapons," he said. "It is war without blood. The Arab boycott of Israel is only a form of self-defence."

Shukri, who is also a legal adviser to the secretary-general of the Arab League, spoke here Wednesday night at a gathering of Chicago-area businessmen.



Refugees protest

A small group of Afghan refugees protest in New Delhi on Saturday against the killing earlier this month of about 30 mujahedeen commanders and rebels belonging to Jamiat-i-Islami by a rival rebel party in Takhar province, in northern Afghanistan. (Reuters wirephoto)

Rockets hit Kabul, kill 14

Help us free hostages: US

KABUL, July 29, (Agencies): A barrage of mujahedeen rockets blasted Kabul, killing at least 14 people and injuring 56 in the third consecutive Saturday of carnage in the Afghan capital.

The worst casualties were at a busy bazaar in the west of the city where eight died.

Hospital sources said at least 14 people died and more than 60 were wounded in the barrage which followed at least 20 rocket explosions on Friday that killed 10 people and injured 21.

Government spokesman Mohammad Amani said the mujahedeen rebels fired six rockets from the hills around Kabul.

In the western district of Kute Sangi, one rocket detonated on the road between a bazaar and a petrol filling station, sending shrapnel and glass into the lunch-time shoppers.

"Those who fire the rockets are the enemy of the people," said a shopkeeper.

But shoe seller Khaliq asked: "Why is it that the government is not protecting the people?"

Najibullah, a student, stood outside his uncle's damaged pharmacy as firemen sprayed water on the pavement and said he had no warning of the explosion.

"People are killed from this action and I want it to stop," he said.

His plea was echoed at nearby Aliahad hospital, where many of the victims were taken and where bloody stretchers were left in the corridor. Outside the door, a knot of men and women scanned a list of names of the victims.

In Islamabad, meanwhile, Afghan rebel sources said today a new internal rift threatens the six-month-old self-styled Afghanisthan rebel government. The dispute centres on the reported slaughter of 30 rebels by a rival commander.

In Washington, a US official said yesterday that the United States plans to tell the Soviet Union at a meeting this weekend in Stockholm, Sweden, that it should use its improving relations with Iran to help free American hostages held in Lebanon.

The meeting in the Swedish capital between a US delegation headed by Assistant Secretary of State John Kelly and a Soviet delegation led by Nikolai Kozirev is part of a series of meetings between the super-

owers on regional issues.

The main topics of this weekend's meeting will be the civil war in Afghanistan and the Soviet Union's improving relations with Iran.

After the death of Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, the Soviets agreed to provide arms to Tehran, but the US official said it was not clear whether new weapons would be delivered or spare parts for old Soviet arms.

"We think it would be bad for them to start rearming Iran and we wouldn't like to see new military systems delivered," he said.

The US view is that Soviet weapons in Iranian hands would be used to destabilise the Gulf region. The US official said Kelly also would appeal to the Soviets for help in trying to win the release of Americans held hostage in Lebanon by pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim extremists.

On the subject of Afghanistan, the US official contended the Soviets have increased weapons shipments to the Kabul government to a rate of \$2.5 billion to \$3 billion a year.

Despite an over-all improvement in US-Soviet relations, the Soviets have complained publicly about continued US arms shipments to the Afghan rebels.

They contend that both the United States and Pakistan, which funnels the weapons to the Afghan rebels, are violating the Geneva accords.

Afghanistan's Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil yesterday accused the United States and Pakistan of talking peace while preparing a major military offensive against Afghanistan.

Also yesterday, the government blamed Muslim rebels for a barrage of rockets that killed 10 people in the capital.

Wakil urged Washington to stop supplying weapons to Afghan rebels based in Pakistan "and take some effective, practical steps toward a political solution of the problem."

And he expressed hope that US and Soviet diplomats would focus on a comprehensive political settlement of the 11-year-old war in Afghanistan when they meet.

As Wakil left the airport after returning to Kabul from a 12-day trip to Ethiopia and India, a rocket exploded less than a mile (1.6 kilometres) away.

Stabbed Arab dies in hospital

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 29, (Reuters): A Palestinian accused of collaborating with Israel died in hospital today after being stabbed by unidentified attackers in the occupied Gaza Strip's Shati refugee camp. Arab hospital officials said.

Palestinian sources said Walid Barud, 23, was well-known for collaborating with Israeli authorities.

Barud's death, following the last night's attack, brings the death toll in the 19-month-old Palestinian uprising to 570 Arabs and 39 Jews.

Troops shot and wounded a 30-year-old woman bystander in the head in Rafah refugee camp when a clash broke out with stone throwers at a weekly flea market.

Israeli authorities lifted a curfew on Jabalya refugee camp and imposed curfews on Deir Al-Balah refugee camp and the Gaza neighbourhood of Tofah.

Israeli troops also shot and wounded 19 Palestinians yesterday in scattered clashes in the occupied Gaza Strip. Arab hospitals said.

The army said it was checking the reports.

In Rafah refugee camp, clashes occurred when the army lifted a curfew. Nine persons were wounded before the army reimposed the curfew, Palestinian sources reported.

Eight Arabs were shot in Khan Yunis refugee camp when residents fought with soldiers who came to the camp to make arrests.

Earlier yesterday two youths were wounded in Gaza, the hospitals said, but they did not detail the clashes there.

In other developments, West Bank lawyer Jamil Tarifi said today that by meeting him Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir had held indirect contact with the PLO.

"It's not meeting directly with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, but you can say it's indirectly meeting with the PLO," Tarifi told army radio in an interview.

Tarifi, noting it is illegal under Israeli law to belong to the PLO, described himself as a supporter of the organisation.

He said PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat had no representative in the occupied territories and he had only told "friends" about his controversial meeting with Shamir this month.

But Tarifi said he understood from local newspapers that Arafat knew about the meeting and approved it both before it took place and afterward.

Tarifi said he differed with Shamir over the purpose of the elections Israel is proposing for the occupied territories.

He said Shamir, who hopes the elections will create a new leadership to negotiate limited self-rule, spoke of them as a first stage without discussing what would follow.

PEOPLE

By Ivor Davis

IN the tradition of such Hollywood femmes fatales as Ava Gardner, Barbara Stanwyck, Lauren Bacall and, more recently, Kim Basinger, British actress Joanne Whalley-Kilmer is a knockout.

It is barely after breakfast at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel, but the noise is ear-shattering. As two drunks prop up the bar, slot machines clunk incessantly and whoops from around the crowded dice tables echo across the cavernous casino. It's Las Vegas business as usual. To turn heads in such an atmosphere isn't easy, but Whalley-Kilmer, far from her northern English hometown, is managing just that. The jaded denizens of the hotel lift their eyes long enough from the gaming tables to follow her movements as she passes through. It's the ultimate compliment.

And no wonder, for her tiny but well-endowed 5-foot-2-inch figure is encased in a blood-red ankle-length dress, complete with a slit that, it seems, soars higher than Everest. There's lots of cleavage courtesy of a Frederick's of Hollywood lift bra. Her red hair bounces on her bare shoulders as the lady with the 31-inch hips and the 21-inch waist careens through the casino on wobbly silver 6-inch high heels, complete with huge bows, for a scene in her newest movie.

Her character's dress sense, as well as common sense, may be a little off the beaten path, but Whalley-Kilmer's career is humming along nicely, thank you very much. In "Kill Me Again", her first red-blooded Hollywood leading-lady role, she plays Fay Forrester, a gun-wielding dame with two boyfriends panting for her attentions and a mob of revenge-seeking hoodlums hot on her heels. One of the boyfriends is down-on-his-luck private eye Jack Andrews, a second-rate investigator who long ago ran out of luck and now seeks consolation in the bottle and at the gambling tables. Andrews is played by block hunk Val Kilmer, Whalley-Kilmer's husband of just over a year.

Hot

In Hollywood parlance Whalley-Kilmer is hot. She is fresh from her role as the world's most famous party girl Christine Keeler in "Scandal", which is raking in lots of money around the world. "Kill Me Again" is not her first American picture. That honour goes to the fantasy tale "Willow" (1988) directed by Ron Howard and produced by George Lucas—in which she played a sword-wielding princess opposite the dashing knight played by Kilmer. The movie sank quickly, but sparks flew between the actors and soon after they finished the picture Whalley and her leading man went off to quietly get married.

But this is the first role in which she's

Joanne Whalley-Kilmer follows wherever life takes her

Brit plays pure American white trash



Ian McKellen as John Profumo and Joanne Whalley as Christine Keeler in Scandal.

getting the big Hollywood star treatment, and it's a part she is attacking with great relish.

During a filming break she gratefully gets out of the skintight red dress and slips into a white T-shirt, billowy black cotton pants and cowboy boots. Even with the heavy makeup still in place she looks almost fragile, the antithesis of the Vegas vamp she plays. Tossing back the red

wig she wears as Fay, she perches provocatively on a stool at an empty card table, her huge, innocent brown eyes completely overwhelming her face.

"Fay is a kind of femme fatale by mistake," she explains in a newly husky voice as she lights up a filter-tip cigarette. "She's not calculating. She doesn't know what she's doing even when she's shooting people. She's liv-

ing a fantasy... a little bit like a young girl who dresses up. She's spontaneous, thinks Vegas is fabulous and spends a small fortune on evening dresses, which she insists on wearing at 10 o'clock in the morning. She doesn't really have a handle on reality. And I love her."

She landed the key role against considerable odds. When director John Dahl and producer co-writer David

Warfield began to cast for their leading lady, it appeared Whalley-Kilmer never really had a chance.

They interviewed dozens of American actresses and, Dahl noted, "We all liked Joanne but said, 'No way. She's British and this lady is pure American heartland white trash'."

But when she showed up for an audition... as Fay, she, Christine, a

Keeler role — she had polished her American accent and completely won them over.

The best part of playing Fay, Whalley-Kilmer says, was shopping for her outfits.

"The idea behind Fay's clothes is that she always gets something a little bit wrong. She has these nice silver shoes, but they have these grotesque

she had stopped it would have been fine — but she can't."

These days the 27-year-old actress calls America home. She has a house in Santa Fe, N.M., to which she escapes whenever possible.

In Whalley-Kilmer's order of things, people should follow wherever life takes them. "I don't believe in planning too much. You have to be more open, because you never know in this business. Who ever thought I'd be doing Joe Orton in New York?"

Before starting "Kill Me Again", Whalley-Kilmer made her acclaimed American stage debut in the Orton farce "What The Butler Saw."

Whalley-Kilmer grew up in Stockport, England, where she was obsessed by the movies.

Loved

"We'd go to Saturday and Sunday matinees and I loved it. I used to write little plays and make people do them. As a 12-year-old I did a couple of (acting) jobs, but I stayed on at school until I was 18. I wasn't the typical child actress who graduated into adult parts. But I never seriously considered doing anything else."

She first caught the public's attention in "The Good Father" (1987) opposite Anthony Hopkins. But she really knocked 'em dead in two television parts: the first as Emma Craven, the policeman's daughter who is murdered, in the mini-series "Edge of Darkness," then as Nurse Mills masquerading the scaly-skinned Michael Gambon in "The Singing Detective."

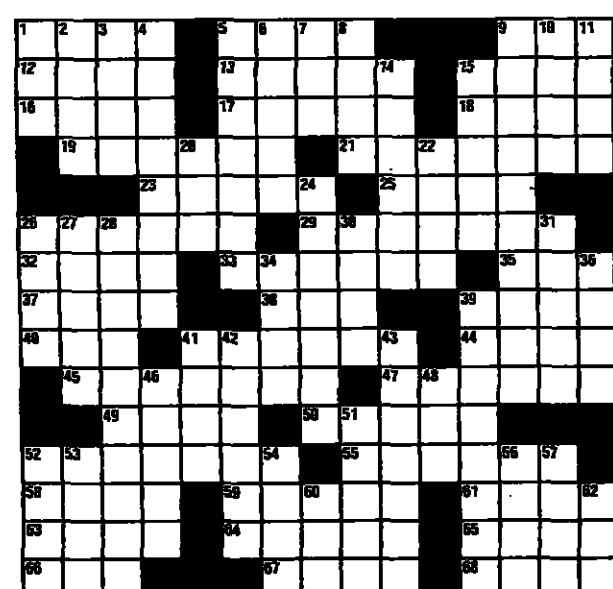
Her Christine Keeler role in "Scandal," chronicling the bitter-sweet tale of the dancer turned party girl who toppled a British government, simply emphasised to American filmmakers who loved her as Nurse Mills that here was an actress to watch.

Surprisingly, Whalley-Kilmer did few interviews at the time for "Scandal," but playing Fay seems to have caused her to re-evaluate the Keeler character.

"There's a similarity between Christine and Fay," says Whalley-Kilmer, "in the fact that both had a naive about what they were involved in. Christine was able to crack through the upper element of British society. That sounds like a calculated move, but it wasn't. She was more a willing victim of circumstances. Fay decides what she wants to do and goes on doing it without worrying about the circumstances. She steals the mob's money, but doesn't think it through. She thinks if you steal a million dollars they won't come looking for you. It's childish."

"She and Fay are similar in that they both don't have the practical fears they should have and they don't see things the same as somebody would who has more of a handle on reality. They're not endowed with the good old north of England common sense."

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Sagan or Reiner
 - Stage item
 - Geneticist's initials
 - Mattie, Felipe or Jesus
 - Stitched quickly
 - sea to shoring—
 - Conductor's concern
 - Poet's muse
 - Hudson or Reo
 - Plato's land
 - Takes for granted
 - Curt the lip
 - Long, long periods
 - Macaroon ingredient
 - Train
 - Night light
 - Start a voyage
 - "Today — a man"
 - Chinese fraternal organization
 - Shortening
 - A-F link
 - Pose
 - Really likes
 - Related
 - Fierce
 - Enacted a law
 - Gator's cousin
 - Tugs
 - Leopard's smaller relative
 - One way up
 - German school hall
 - Kind of badge
 - A low tide
 - Pinochle laydown
 - Leonine group
 - Advantage
 - Conductor de
- DOWN**
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 - Sound from a choo-choo
 - Hack
 - Shake —
 - Comment from
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 - 1946 Broadway musical
 - Forerun
 - Street show
 - Clear
 - Day —
 - bug in one's ear (hint)
 - Turkey parts
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 - Famous cookie baker
 - Affected one
 - Flora's companion
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 - Renaissance
 - Red army
 - Pope from 847-855
 - Jefferson's home
 - Barnum
 - portrayed Jim
 - "Lady" of song
 - Daydream
 - Do a sewing job
 - Nursery item
 - Heaps
 - Flea
 - Jabber
 - Mountain
 - nymph
 - Pie — mode
 - Stage whisper
 - Arrived
 - Having a color
 - Queen of the gods
 - Change the decor
 - Thickening agent
 - Sleeper of
 - Sleepy Hollow
 - Darling

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ARE YOU A WINNING PAIRS PLAYER?

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
 ♠ A K 5 2
 ♥ 8 6 2
 ♦ K 8
 ♣ 7 5 4

EAST
 ♠ Q 10 8 7
 ♥ 5 4
 ♦ Q J 10 9
 ♣ Q J 10 3

SOUTH
 ♠ J 4 3
 ♥ A K 3
 ♦ A 5 3 2
 ♣ A K 6

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass
 Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♥
 Do you think you are one of the country's great duplicate stars, just waiting to be discovered? Test yourself by covering up the East-West cards then decide how, after the lead of the queen of hearts, you would play three no trump on this holding, and why.

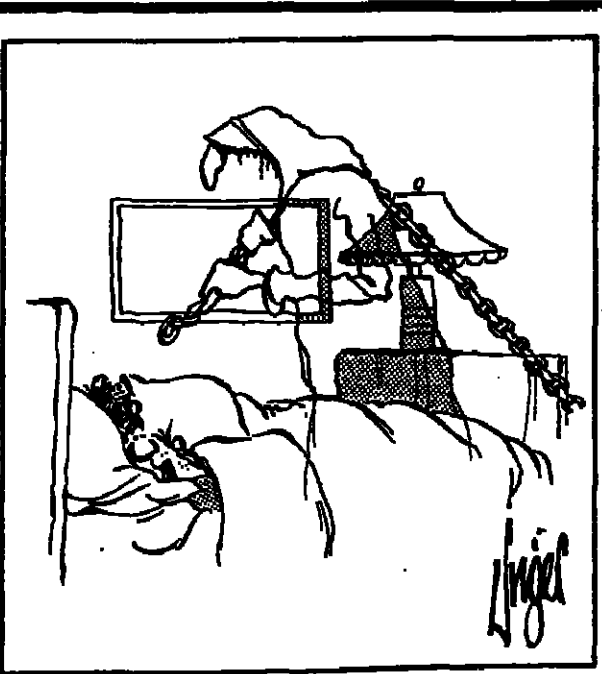
Your jump bid to two no trump is classic—19 points and a square hand. Note that North had no way to suggest a four-spade contract in standard methods; a new suit or a

spade rebid would have shown an unbalanced hand.

West leads the queen of hearts, and there's no point to a hold-up play. You have eight fast winners, and any extra tricks you make will have to come from the spade suit. If you were playing rubber bridge, you would take the safety play of cashing a high spade and then leading to the jack. That nullifies any 4-1 split. Do you make the same play at duplicate?

Chances of a 3-2 split are about 68 percent, and two times in five you will find a doubleton queen, giving you about a 27 percent chance of scoring five tricks in spades. It might seem that, since a 4-1 break will crop up about 28 percent of the time, you should take the safety play.

However, in 40 percent of those cases, you will find either a singleton ten or queen, which still allows you to make your contract, reducing the danger of a 4-1 distribution to about 17 percent. And since you will make the same number of tricks as those declarers who land up in a spade contract, that feature doesn't come into consideration. So cash the ace-king of spades and go down like everyone else who specializes in pair events.



"Why would anyone rent us a nine-bedroom house for \$200 a month?"

THE WIZARD OF ID

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YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
 You will grow rather tired of doing something repetitive, but it cannot be avoided. Instead try and do it as quickly as possible and then relax. Make sure your health is not put last. Be less contemptuous.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
 Something you have been looking for will turn up, where you least expected to find it. You should try to avoid acting out of spite or jealousy. Seek to look at things from other people's point of view too. Be fair.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**
 Remember that whilst overeating is not good for you, starving yourself is little better. Once you have made a promise you must avoid breaking it. Try to take things easy today. Be tolerant.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19**
 You will tend to be the life and soul of the party, but that is an excuse for heavy drinking. You must be careful to look where you are going especially when light is poor. You should keep within the limits that have been set. Be sensible.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
 Your children will give you something to be pleased about, but they will also worry you. You should not try to do too many things all at the same time. Try to avoid thinking of work for the day.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
 Something you had rather been dreading will turn out to be not nearly as bad as you had feared. Your lucky numbers are 8 and 24. You should not be in too great a hurry. If you have made a promise be sure to keep it.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**
 You will have a good idea but be careful, someone could well steal it from you. You should take a little more exercise, but avoid exhausting yourself. Try to keep out of the way of arguments. Be sincere.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**
 Get what has to be done as quickly as possible and then what. There is nothing to be gained by shirking from the truth. Make sure you take good care of your appearance. Be polite.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
 You will meet someone very much to your liking, but do not put all your cards on the table yet. Make sure you do not do anything reckless when driving or anywhere else. A friend will thank you for a favour you have done him. Be considerate.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**
 Nothing will go quite as you would have wished but on the whole things are not as bad as they might have been. You should not allow anyone to be denigrating, but you should not raise your standards to impossible heights either.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
 You will have to take great care to avoid giving offence. And you should equally go out of your way not to make a nuisance of yourself. Something you are trying to learn will prove more difficult than first appeared: persevere. Be moderate.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
 You will have to make some economies but it will not be too onerous to do so. Do try to avoid treading on other people's toes. Snap judgments or jumped to conclusions are to be avoided. Be consistent.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Average performance still weak

Market indices surge

KUWAIT, July 29, (KUNA): The Alshall index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday, an average of 38.41 points with an increase of 0.55 point — 1.45 per cent — over last week's average, according to Alshall weekly stock market report today.

The Alshall index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 68.08 with an increase of 0.87 point — 0.99 per cent — for the same period, the report pointed out.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 11.3 million shares at a daily average of 2.26 million shares with a sharp increase of 223 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 0.70 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 1.64 million shares at a daily average of 0.328 million shares with a sharp increase of 1115 per cent over last week's daily average of 0.027 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD6.00 million at a daily average of KD1.20 million, a sharp increase of 161 per cent over last week's daily average of KD0.46 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.040 million at a daily average of less than KD0.008 million, a sharp increase of 700 per cent over last week's daily average of KD0.001 million.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 84 per cent of total trading against 93 per cent last week.

The National Bank of Kuwait led at 39 per cent, followed by Kuwait Finance House at 22 per cent in which National Investment Company had the lead at 76 per cent followed by Kuwait Investment Projects 18 per cent followed by International Financial Advisors at 8 per cent.

Third came the real estate sector at 5 per cent of total trading of which Kuwait Real Estate Company was the only traded company.

As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Umm Al Quain Cement Company led at 73 per cent followed by Arabian Investment Company at 15 per cent and Bahrain and Middle East Bank at 10 per cent.

The market performance showed signs of slight increase in activity compared to the past week, which was reflected on some indices in both Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti markets.

However, the average performance of the market is still weak and the slight increase in activity is due to the previous extended period of weakness.

Market dealers are still concentrating on trading in shares of the banking sector in order to avoid high risks, however the concentration this week is less than last week's.

The promised changes, which were not implemented, together with the mid-summer period which is usually sluggish, led to the weak market trading. The only possible changes in market performance for this year, will be seasonal with few intervals of high activity, the report said.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

	Wed. 26/07/89	Wed. 19/07/89	Change points
Banking Sector			
The National Bank	114.64	111.20	3.44
The Gulf Bank	31.48	31.48	—
The Commercial Bank	23.27	23.27	—
Al Ahli Bank	30.28	29.77	0.50
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	30.50	30.50	—
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	28.29	28.29	—
Burgan Bank	27.06	26.53	0.52

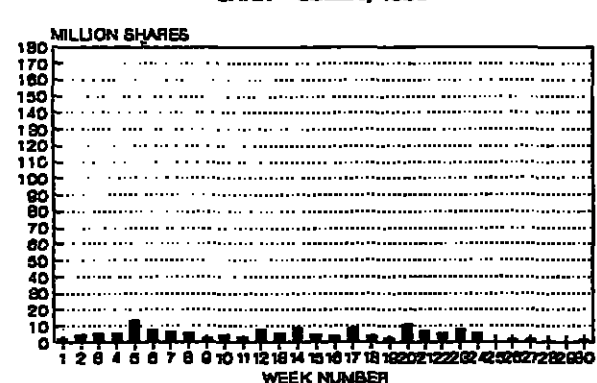
Kuwait Finance House	78.27	76.62	1.65
Sector Index	46.60	45.76	0.84
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	18.18	18.18	—
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	11.10	11.00	—
IFA	48.90	32.35	16.54
Commercial Facilities	118.25	118.25	—
National Investments	63.73	63.73	—
Kuwait Investment Proj.	88.76	89.89	-1.12
Sector Index	33.32	32.25	1.07
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	35.88	35.88	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	24.62	26.15	-1.54
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	48.80	48.80	—
Warba Insurance Co.	54.98	54.98	—
Sector Index	38.05	38.45	-0.40
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	16.57	16.57	—
United Realty	5.60	5.60	—
National Real Estate	35.83	35.83	—
Pearl of Kuwait	69.05	69.05	—
Sector Index	18.49	18.49	—
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	11.59	11.59	—
Refrigeration Indust.	79.06	79.06	—
Gulf Cables	110.87	110.87	—
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	73.78	73.78	—
Sector Index	28.98	28.98	—
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	155.52	155.52	—
Kuwait Cinema Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Public Warehousing Co.	69.70	69.70	—
Kuwait Comm.			
Markets Co.	37.29	37.29	—
Mobile Telephone Syst.	285.71	276.19	9.52
Sector Index	55.13	54.16	0.97
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	30.51	30.51	—
United Fisheries	10.62	10.62	—
Kuwait United Poultry	84.34	84.34	—
Kuwait Food Co.	68.97	68.97	—
Sector Index	36.18	36.18	—
Overall Index	38.41	37.87	0.55

Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index

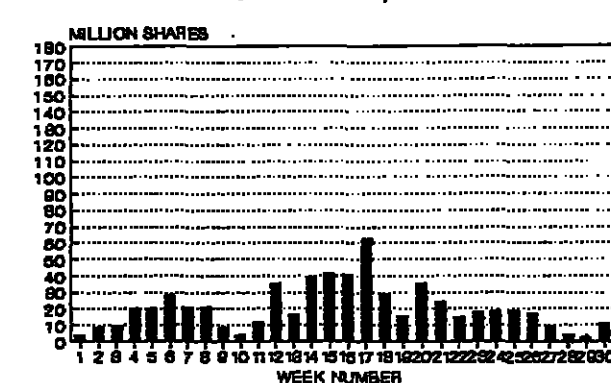
	Wed. 26/07/89	Wed. 19/07/89	Change points
First Gulf Bank	223.68	223.68	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	88.28	86.90	1.38
Bahrain M. East Bank	88.27	87.32	0.95
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	78.10	78.10	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	43.94	43.18	0.76
Umm Al Quain Cement	14.25	13.87	0.37
Gulf Medical Projects	21.78	21.78	—
Total Index	68.08	67.41	0.67

—Base period 31/12/1983.
—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

NON-KUWAITI SHAREHOLDING COMPANIES
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Interest rates falling

Economy may be touching down

NEW YORK, July 29, (AP): After a long time circling the runway on dwindling power, the once high-flying economy finally may be touching down.

Stock market investors have braced for a possibly difficult landing by favouring companies that can turn a profit regardless of economic conditions and dumping ones apt to be bumped around during impact.

The economy probably started on its final approach to the runway during the second quarter when growth eased considerably to a 1.7 per cent annual pace.

Many analysts regarded the report issued this past week on the gross national product — the broadest gauge of economic activity — as a signal that the economy has sufficient power for the sought-after "soft landing," a period of slow but sustained growth with falling inflation and interest rates.

This analysis helped various stock market measures scale to record heights during the week. On Thursday, the Standard and Poor's 500-stock index advanced to 341.99 and the New York Stock Exchange composite index advanced to 190.22, both all-time highs.

For all of the week, the market made some impressive progress. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials finished the week at 2,635.24, just 0.19 point below the post-crash high reached Thursday, up 27.88 points for the week and just about 87 points shy of its all time high of 2,722.42 set in August 1987.

The NYSE composite index rose 3.23 to 190.38; the NASDAQ Composite index for the over-the-counter market added 3.53 to 452.82; and the American Stock Exchange market value index was up 3.23 at 374.51.

Volume averaged 179.62 million shares a day, up slightly from 175.90 million a day the previous week.

One force driving the market onward was evidence that the Federal Reserve was fluffing the credit cushion to make the economy's landing more comfortable. The Central Bank took steps this past week to loosen short-term interest rates.

Declining interest rates bode well for the stock and bond markets, says Greg A. Smith of Prudential-Bache Securities Inc. Hundreds of billions of dollars now invested in money market funds in the United States could go elsewhere if rates continue to fall.

"Any further drops in short-term financial assets such as stocks and bonds," he wrote in a weekly market strategy report.

A look at recent Wall Street trends indicates investors have been discriminating in their selections. Stocks of companies with earnings swings during business cycles, such as automakers, have performed weakly for some time while more recession-proof companies, such as foodmakers and consumer product companies, have fared better.

"The market is really penalising those companies that will be bothered by a recession," says John D. Connolly.

UK dock strike weakens

LONDON, July 29, (Reuters): Britain's dock strike weakened today when dockers at the port of Southampton voted to return to work despite appeals by union leaders.

The Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) said the 450 Southampton dockers voted overwhelmingly to return to work at the southern English port on Monday after 150 were told they would be sacked if they stayed out.

Employers said more than half of the 60 ports affected by the stoppage called by the TGWU 18 days ago were no longer on strike.

Union leaders voted on Friday to continue the strike despite employers' claims that support for it was crumbling.

The TGWU launched the strike in protest against the government's abolition this month of a jobs-for-life guarantee covering 9,400 registered dockers.

Employers estimate almost 3,000 men have now abandoned the strike.

KD deposit rates ease

KUWAIT, July 29, (Reuters): Kuwaiti deposit rates eased in a quiet market today after the Central Bank opened its discount window for treasury bills at 7-1/2 per cent.

Tomorrow's next and spot rates fell to nine 1/2 per cent from 10 1/2 per cent Thursday. But overnight was steady, with bids at 8-1/2.

The fixed rates fell 1/4 point to a uniform 9-1/4 8-3/4. Dealers reported little activity.

The Central Bank announced a new 100 million dinar (\$335 million) offering of 91-day treasury bills for Wednesday issue. The issue will coincide with maturing bills from a previous issue worth 200 million dinars.

The Central Bank left its dinar to dollar exchange rate fixed from Thursday at 0.29416/26.

Meanwhile the Saudi riyal interbank deposit market continued quiet today with no new domestic factors to interest trading, dealers said.

Rates therefore merely tracked the closely-linked Eurodollar market a little lower with earlier months all being quoted around 8-1/2 8-3/8 per cent.

Exchange rates	
Indian rupee	18.030
Sri Lankan rupee	8.520
Pakistani rupee	14.110
Bangladesh taka	9.060
US dollar	29.495
Pound sterling	48.850
Deutsche mark	157.25
UAE dirham	0.8035
Japanese yen	0.02132

Call to stick to quotas

Indonesia sees possible emergency OPEC meeting

JAKARTA, July 29, (Agencies): The oil exporters' group OPEC, some of whose members are ignoring output agreements, may have to hold an emergency meeting if prices drop too far, member-state Indonesia said today.

"I don't think prices will reach the \$15 level. But before it reached that level OPEC might have to hold an emergency meeting," Mines and Energy Minister Ginanjar Kartasasmita told reporters.

Prices have fallen a dollar in the past week and oil analysts in New York said if they fall below \$17, the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries might turn its September monitoring committee session into a full emergency meeting.

Ginanjar called on his fellow members to stick to their quotas and face up to the fact prices have been falling too quickly.

Western industry executives now put total OPEC output this month at just above 21 million barrels per day compared to agreed quotas totalling 19.5 million.

While OPEC has been putting more oil into the market, world demand has fallen below expectation.

Meanwhile, crude oil prices dropped below the important \$18 a barrel psychological support level for the first time in five months on the New York Mercantile Exchange yesterday as traders shifted their money to bargain-basement gasoline.

The standard-setting West Texas Intermediate crude ended the day down 19 cents at \$17.93 a barrel, its first settlement below \$18 since the \$17.85 close of Feb 23. WTI lost \$1.58 a barrel on the week.

"We saw crude break the important \$18 psychological level of support," said Peter Beutel of Elders Futures Inc. in New York.

Analysts said traders were buying up unleaded gasoline, which fell to bargain-basement prices in recent sessions, and selling crude in technical "spread buying" contingent on the gap between the price of the two.

Unleaded gasoline gained 0.97 cent to 52.95 cents a gallon, still down 1.57 cents on the week.

Gas rebounded a total of 1.61 cents Thursday and Friday after plummeting 5.50 cents in the previous eight sessions when the American Petroleum Institute reported stocks had risen 5 million barrels instead of falling as they normally do in the summer driving season.

Traders were taking profits on previous short contracts bought in the belief gasoline prices would decline, said Beutel.

In analogous spread buying of gasoline vs. heating oil, traders drove down the price of home heating oil 1.03 cents, ending the day at 48.23 cents a gallon on the Merc. on the week, the "heat" fell 3.06.

George Konikowski of Smith Barney Upham Harris and Co. said there was "a lot of unwinding of (previously bought) gas-crude spreads — buying the gas and selling the crude."

With the decline in gasoline prices over the past week or so, "the relative value of gasoline improved ... the gas became cheaper than the crude," Konikowski said.

Worried about embarrassing lines at retail station pumps following the March 24 Alaska oil spill, refiners have gone all out in recent months producing gasoline.

Refinery runs have hovered around the 90 per cent capacity level, way above the 85 per cent level considered normal for this time of year.

Now with ample gasoline supplies on the market, Beutel said, "it looks like (refiners) may be cutting refinery runs, which will reduce demand for crude," explaining in part the decline in crude prices in recent sessions.

A cutback in refinery runs also "could reduce the supply of gas and heating oil and may help their prices out on the upside," the analyst said.

On the US Gulf Coast spot market, where crude is bought and sold for cash, West Texas Intermediate was quoted at \$18.15 a barrel, down 25 cents on the day and \$1.65 on the week.

On the European spot market, Britain's widely traded North Sea Brent crude was quoted at \$17.05 a barrel, a gain of 35 cents on the day, but a loss of 85 cents on the week.

The United Arab Emirates' Dubai light — the key OPEC crude from the Middle East — was quoted at \$14.65 a barrel, up 5 cents on the day, but down 58 cents on the week.

Mubarak to launch contacts

Plans to resolve debt problems

CAIRO, July 29, (KUNA): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, in his capacity as current chairman of the Organisation of African Unity, will launch intensive diplomatic contacts at the non-aligned summit in Belgrade in September to resolve the African countries foreign debt problems.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali told daily Al-Ahram that Mubarak will also endeavour to settle a number of inter-African disputes.

Mubarak will further attempt to promote the quadruplet initiative, launched by his country along with Senegal, Venezuela and India, to arrange for a North-South summit to discuss a solution to the Third World's debt problems, Ghali added.

He concluded that Mubarak will also work to draft a new strategy to confront racial discrimination and to supervise independence process of Namibia.

Jobless rate set to fall further

PARIS, July 29, (KUNA): Unemployment in the 24-member Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is expected to decline further in 1989 to 27.5 million persons, the lowest level since 1981 and representing seven per cent of the OECD's workforce, the organisation said in its 1989 unemployment outlook.

In 1988, the number of unemployed people in the OECD reached 28.0 million representing 7.3 per cent of the organisation's labour force. After the decline in 1989, unemployment in the OECD area is projected to rise slightly in 1990 to 7.25 per cent of the work force or 28.25 million jobless persons.

In Japan, the number of people out of work is expected to remain unchanged in 1989 and 1990 at 1.5 million or 2.25 per cent of the country's workforce, in the United States it is forecast to rise to seven million by 1990, representing five and a half per cent of the labour force.

In France, unemployment is expected to stabilise around two and a half million persons or 10.5 per cent of the workforce in the next eighteen months.

Dollar likely to remain weak

TOKYO, July 29, (KUNA): The dollar is expected to remain weak next week at the Tokyo currency exchange market as prelude to the expected announcement of American unemployment rate for July and the deceleration of the American economy, market sources said here today.

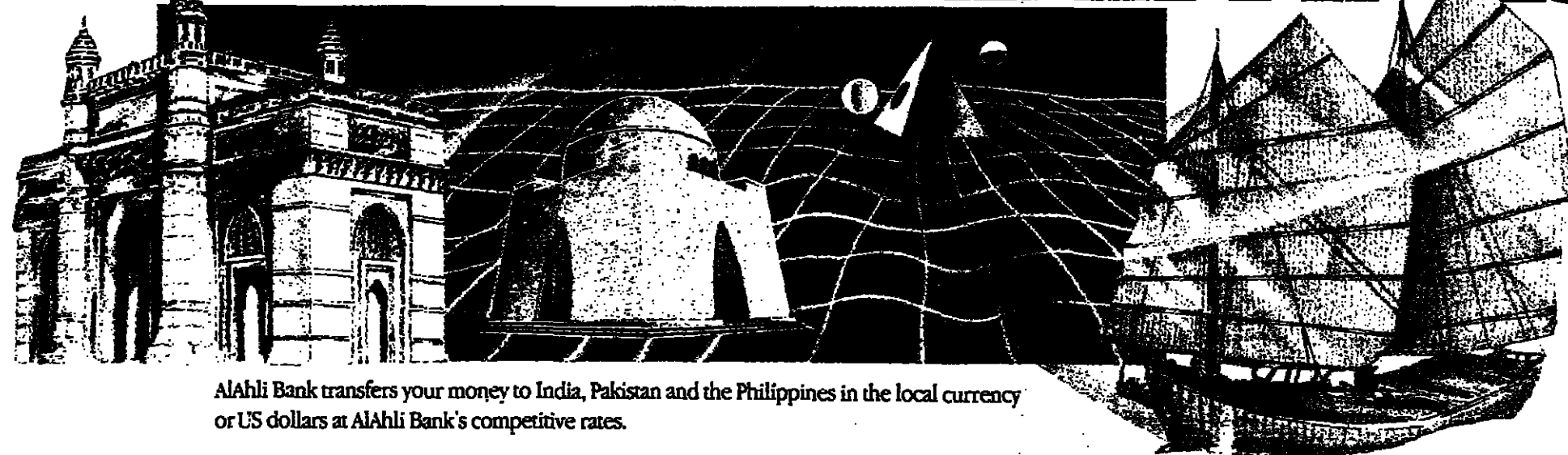
The same sources also expected that the dollar's rate will range between 137 yen to 142 yen during next week and that is in comparison to its rate of 138.97 yen and the 143.45 yen of last week.

The dollar has soared to 143.45 yen last week following Japanese Premier Sosuke Uno's resignation announcement when his ruling Liberal Democratic Party lost in the parliament's Upper House elections.

Dealers said that the American unemployment rate could be slightly more than 5.3 per cent.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 1.8810 against the West German mark, up from Thursday's 1.8760. Against the yen, the dollar rose to 139.30, compared with Thursday's close of 138.90.

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Stock prices sharply higher

Federal Reserve eases credit

NEW YORK, July 29, (UPI): As the economy slowed, the Federal Reserve eased credit sending stock prices sharply higher in a week that saw major merger activity and lower earnings reported by large auto and oil companies.

Nissan workers brought smiles to auto management by voting overwhelmingly against joining the United Automobile Workers, and Chrysler announced a \$1 billion cost-reduction programme to contend with what promises to be a tight auto market in the early 1990's.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday the economy expanded at a modest 1.7 per cent annual rate during the second quarter, continuing the slowdown in growth as inflation hit its highest level since 1982.

The expansion of the gross national product — the total output of American goods and services — was the slowest pace since the 0.8 per cent increase in the third quarter of 1986, the department said.

Inflation, as measured by the department's price deflator for GNP, ran at a 4.9 per cent annual rate in the second quarter — the highest quarterly rate since 3.8 per

cent in the third quarter of 1982. The department largely blamed oil field accidents and a production pact agreed to by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries that forced oil prices up.

But inflation was not the main concern of the Federal Reserve Board, which loosened its grip Wednesday on credit because of worries over the slowing economy slipping into a recession.

The Fed took no action to stop a drop in a key federal funds interest rate, which should allow banks to further drop their prime lending rate for large customers.

Republic Bank of Philadelphia and NCNB Corp. of Charlotte, North Carolina, then lowered their rates by a half percentage point to 10.5 per cent, following an earlier move by Chase Manhattan.

The lower interest rates helped to send stock prices sharply higher in some of the heaviest trading sessions in a month.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index and Standard and Poor's 500 index ended the week at all-time closing highs of 190.38 and 342.15, respectively. The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 2635.24, less than 100 points off its all-

time high of 2722.42, set Aug 25, 1987.

On Tuesday, the Commerce Department reported orders for durable goods gained a modest 0.3 per cent in June. Excluding the defence sector, the orders dropped 0.3 per cent compared with May's 3.9 per cent decline.

President Bush provided relief to the hard-pressed steel industry by extending foreign steel-import quotas for 2-1/2 years, but indicated he would seek to end all such practices on the world steel market in the future.

Although US steelmakers were disappointed that the quotas weren't extended the five years they proposed, US officials said the extension was designed to allow US steelmakers more time to modernise their plants and time for a transition to more open markets.

In Detroit, General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. posted lower second-quarter earnings Thursday, attributing the decline to lower industry volumes and the higher costs of buyer incentives to spur the market.

Industry leader GM reported earnings of \$1.45 billion, down 3.5 per cent from

\$1.5 billion in the year-ago quarter.

Ford, the nation's second largest carmaker but the most profitable one in the world last year, reported world-wide profits of \$1.4 billion. But Ford's latest performance marked a 15.7 per cent decline from its all-time profit peak of \$1.66 billion posted in the year-ago period.

Belt tightening also was evident at the nation's No. 3 automaker Thursday when Chrysler Corp. outlined a \$1 billion cost-reduction programme involving early retirement or buyouts by 1990 of at least 2,300 salaried workers, or more than 8 per cent of its total white-collar work force.

Chrysler Motors chairman Bennett E. Bidwell said the effort aimed at raising profit levels and competitiveness because of lower sales forecast for the early 1990s. The outlook for increased competition was underscored when Nissan workers voted overwhelmingly against joining the United Auto Workers in the nation's first union election at a Japanese auto plant.

Business experts said the UAW loss is a victory for the Japanese "team-oriented" style of management.

UK bond market retains optimistic tone

US equities surge

THE dollar fell considerably at the start of the week on expectations of a substantially lower GNP number. In the event the number at 1.7 per cent for the second quarter does confirm a deceleration in activity is under way. Equally however, the GNP deflator at a higher 4.9 per cent continues to underline inflationary concerns, according to NBK weekly market review.

The Fed in accordance with the Chairman's Humphrey Hawkins Testimony of last week appeared to ease monetary policy with the Fed funds rate lower. Consequently although the dollar regained ground to the latter part of the week, overall the US unit adopted a softer tone.

Equities surged on the benefits of lower interest rates and aspirations of a controlled soft landing whilst treasury bonds improved on the basis of an easing in central bank policy.

The dollar ended the week at DM1.88 and Yen 139.2.

Durable orders edged up seasonally adjusted considerably less than forecast 0.3 per cent in June following a 4.4 per cent decline in May.

GNP rose a preliminary lower than expected 1.7 per cent in the second quarter following a revised 3.7 per cent increase in the first quarter and compared with a rise of 4.4 per cent in the first quarter of the previous year.

GNP deflator increased by 4.9 per cent in the second quarter compared with a revised 4 per cent rise in the first quarter. The deflator rose by 3.6 per cent in the first quarter of 1988.

Personal income rose 0.3 per cent in June following a 0.2 per cent increase in May and a 0.6 per cent rise in April.

Personal consumption was unexpectedly unchanged in June compared with a 0.2 per cent rise in May and a 1.1 per cent increase in April.

Thin trading and a lack of direction will continue to characterise the current holiday season and we do not expect the dollar for the immediate term to establish a firm trend. The release of the unemployment and non-farm payroll data at the end of the week will be watched by the market and we would expect slightly higher figures from last month's lows. Nevertheless we do not expect this in itself to formalise a direction for the US unit.

We reiterate our previous comments that whilst a Fed easing is anticipated it will continue to be moderate with a discount rate unlikely to take place until well into the autumn. The central bank remains concerned that inflationary pressure has yet to subside and that a premature easing to policy will only re-ignite inflationary tendencies.

Trading ranges for the coming week are: DM1.87-1.91 and Yen 137-142.

The trade figures this week were not as bad as anticipated and caused the pound to rally strongly reaching its best level for two months.

Market sentiment was buoyed by the belief that the deterioration in the UK's current account has now reached a peak and some closing in the gap between now and year end and into next year is likely. In reality this is expected to be extremely gradual and slight.

Nevertheless the UK bond market also retained its optimistic tone largely sustained by sterling's strength with the UK unit succeeding in breaking through the DM3.10 resistance level.

The pound ended the week at DM3.106 and £/\$1.65.

Current account deficit widened in June to £1.49 billion following a £1.32 billion gap in May. In May 1988 the deficit stood at £947m.

For the meantime sterling will continue to be underpinned by a belief that UK interest rates are unlikely to be reduced for some time to come. Government priority remains very much to reduce inflation and control consumer spending and money supply growth. With new data release for the forthcoming week the pound is unlikely to come under significant pressure and is expected to trade within current trading levels.

Whilst we do anticipate that sterling will remain reasonably supported by the interest rate differential for the time being it remains vulnerable to a current account deficit irrespective of the fact that it has peaked, at 4 per cent of GNP for this year and only marginally lower next.

Trading ranges for the coming week are: DM3.08-3.12 and £/\$1.62-1.66.

The deutschmark lost ground against the yen this week as the Japanese unit recovered on profit-taking. As expected no interest rate change was made following the Bundesbank's council meeting this week.

West Germany's provisional cost of living index in July increased by only 0.1 per cent from June and was up 3.1 per cent from a year earlier. Separately import prices fell 0.6 per cent in June from May but were up 5.3 per cent from the previous year.

Surprisingly the yen has rebounded strongly this week against the dollar which reassured investors and boosted the equity market. The dollar's weakness this week softened the impact of the disastrous defeat by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party on the yen markets.

This is the first occasion on which the LDP has lost its overall majority in the Upper House since it was founded in 1955.

ASCA's board reviews final plan

THE Examination Supervisory Board of the Arab Society of Certified Accountants (ASCA) concluded its deliberations in Riyadh on July 28, 1989 where over an extended session reviewed the final plan and arrangements for conducting Level One of the qualifying exams for the title "Arab Certified Accountant" which will be held on November 28, 1989.

The Chairman of the Arab Society of Certified Accountants (ASCA) Talal Abu-Ghazaleh stated that in view of the tremendous appeal across the whole of the Arab nation, as evidenced by the considerable number of applications so far received, the Examination Supervisory Board has decided to extend the closing date for receipt of applications to August 31st, 1989.

Applications received after this date will be given priority in registration for the subsequent session. Abu-Ghazaleh added that the board has appointed three examination controllers to oversee the conduct of the examinations. Dr Khalil Kurdi, Fouad Alaeiddin and Antoine Mattar.

Chairman Abu-Ghazaleh said that about 350 applications have so far been received from accounting students in several Arab countries.

To cope with the increasing number of applications, the Examination Supervisory Board has decided to increase the examinations centres to eight where they come under the direct supervision of eight controllers as follows: Akram Al Kadi (Kuwait), Jaafar Al Qireem (Abu Dhabi), Salih Jadalalah (Riyadh), Munir Al Borno (Al Khobar), Abdul Majeed Mohandis (Jeddah), Safaa Eldin Sadek (Muscat), Tawfiq Ayoub (Amman) and Rada Faraj (Bahrain).

The board has adopted and will apply the same rules, regulations and the conduct at the examination halls recognized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales which will accordingly be distributed to students, investigators and clerks-in-charge, and has determined that the examination will be held over the period November 28 through November 30, 1989.

The results will be published on 15 Feb 1990.

A preparatory session for those sitting for the examination will be held during the week preceding the commencement of the exams.

Texaco's earnings decline

NEW YORK, July 29, (OPECNA): Texaco incorporated reported here yesterday that its second-quarter earnings declined 21.1 per cent to \$366 million, or \$1.36 a share, from 464 million, or \$1.91 a share, a year earlier.

The company disclosed that last year's results included a one-time gain of \$225 million from the sale of its West German affiliate, Deutsche Texaco. Income from extraordinary items was up \$127 million, an increase of 53.1 per cent.

Other oil companies to announce results yesterday were Occidental Petroleum, which reported a 3.9 per cent rise in second-quarter earnings, and Shell Oil, which registered a 60.6 per cent net increase.

Manila may get debt relief

Philippines needs \$1.7b in new money

WASHINGTON, July 29, (AP): Bankers under pressure to ease Third World debt are likely to turn to the Philippines in the next month rather than attack the imposing problems of Brazil and Argentina, financial sources say.

An agreement between bankers and Mexico, announced July 23, was expected to be followed by others under a plan proposed by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady.

The international financial sources, who spoke on condition they not be identified, said the Philippines with its debt of \$30 billion was likely to make the next agreement even though Brazil and Argentina owe a lot

more — 120 billion and 60 billion.

The sources said the two Latin American countries will have to wait. The new Argentine government of President Carlos Menem is still settling in. Brazil will have an election in November.

How much can be done for the Philippines is still uncertain, as it is for Mexico despite the new agreement.

Mexico may get its annual payments to banks reduced by as much as \$3 billion a year. It could use the money for buying goods from abroad that will increase jobs and production, with the hope of eventually stemming the long decline in its people's

income.

One calculation is that the Philippines needs \$1.7 billion in new money over the next two years.

"Now the arrangement has been agreed for Mexico, there'll be a question of reducing debt and interest for the Philippines, too," said a banker, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

He added that much will depend on the pressure US President George Bush's administration uses against banks on the Philippines' behalf.

Brady and his predecessor at treasury, Secretary of State James Baker, made repeated public statements that the banks

should do more for Mexico. There were threats that Congress would compel banks to act.

For the Philippines, one expert predicted that an accord could be reached by the end of August between its government and a committee of 12 banks led by Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. He also spoke on condition that his name not be used. A meeting is due in New York early in the month.

Haywood Affairs, in charge of Philippine affairs at the World Bank, pointed out that commercial banks could do much less for the Philippines than for Mexico.



Heavily reinforced concrete foundations for Jebel Ali's two new cranes.

Foundations for Jebel Ali cranes

FOUNDATIONS for Jebel Ali Port's two new container cranes rushes on apace in order to be ready for the late August delivery.

With cargo arriving at Jebel Ali Port doubling in the first quarter of this year in comparison to the same period in 1988, the commissioning of the cranes has become an urgent priority, explained port chairman Sultan Bin Sulayem.

"We were fortunate in being able to purchase two fully operational cranes from the Port of Singapore," Bin Sulayem explained. "This will cut down on the delay in commissioning the cranes, which should be in full service before the end of October '89," he said. This will

enable the cranes to be operational nearly 12 months earlier than if they had been ordered direct from the manufacturer.

In a unique and highly technical operation, the new cranes will be unloaded from the ship directly on the 200m long, 23m gauge railway line, from which they will operate along the guay-side.

The co-ordination of guay-side construction and crane arrival as well as commissioning is being co-ordinated by John Maybanks, maintenance manager for Jebel Ali Port Corporation.

The Hitachi cranes are similar to the ports' three existing con-

tainer cranes and will boost its handling capacity by 40 per cent. Jebel Ali Port Corporation will now have 1100 metres of continuous container guay length and the ability to put up to four cranes over any one vessel.

Each of the cranes support 30.5 tonnes of total lift and have an out-reach of 38 metres, able to accommodate all vessels presently docking in the UAE.

"We anticipate Jebel Ali Port will handle up to 250,000 TEUs of containers in 1989," Bin Sulayem said. "The full complement of five cranes will enable us to service this usage level effectively and give us spare capacity to meet the increasing demands for our facilities."

Neste buys into EPSI

LISBON, July 29, (Reuters): Finnish state oil company Neste Oy widened its presence here yesterday, buying most of Portugal's state plastics firm EPSI and taking a 15-year lease on petrochemicals group CNP.

The deal, one of the biggest foreign investments here, would help the country's centre-right government shed costly white elephants in the ailing chemicals sector, energy officials said.

It is also part of a drive by Finland's biggest company to expand on the continent and diversify from oil projects under way in Portugal.

A consortium led by Neste bought the state's 97.2 per cent of shares in EPSI (Empresa de Polimeros de Sines) for \$277.3 million, the officials said.

The other two consortium members, which together hold 10 per cent, are Portuguese industrial concerns Companhia Industrial de Cordoarias Texteis e Metalicas Quimas e Quintas SA and Companhia de Texteis Sinteticos SA.

Neste will also lease the ethylene plant of CNP (Companhia Nacional de Petroquimica) for \$35 million annually plus about 50 per cent of cash flow.

EPSI produces 200,000 tonnes of polyethylene a year and 50,000 tonnes of polypropylene. CNP produces 300,000 tonnes of ethylene a year.

Friday's deal puts the plastics complex at Sines, 90 kms (60 miles) south of Lisbon, into private hands at a time when the government wants to restructure loss-making industries.

Gloomy prospects for goods

MOSCOW, July 29, (Reuters): Soviet consumers faced increasingly grim shortages of food, clothing and basic household items in the first half of the year, according to a report on economic indicators released yesterday.

The failure to generate real improvement in living standards and jolt moribund Soviet agriculture into greater productivity are the most serious threats to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's "perestroika" reforms.

Demand for improved supplies of food were at the centre of a two-week strike this month involving up to half a million miners who agreed to return to work only after receiving assurances from Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov.

Gorbachev and other senior leaders met to discuss drought affecting key industrial areas, apparently contradicting optimistic predictions that this year's harvest would improve greatly on last year's disastrous results.

And in the Republic of Byelorussia, deputies in the local parliament said the 1986 accident at Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the neighbouring

Ukraine, had cost 10 billion roubles (\$16 billion) in their republic alone.

The six-month report, whose outlines were announced by a senior official on Thursday, showed growth far behind targets, wage rises far outstripping production and increases in money supply likely to fuel inflation.

It said workers' average monthly salaries had increased from 215 roubles (\$344) to 236 roubles (\$377) but savings also increased by 17.7 billion roubles (\$28 billion) an indication of empty store shelves.

The report, released by the official news agency Tass, said that despite a two per cent rise in food supplies, there were still serious shortages with rationing imposed on many staples.

"In many regions, meat is being sold through coupons or other forms of rationing," it said. "Supplies of fish, cheese and tea are irregular, though the situation with confectionary has improved somewhat. In some areas, there are serious shortages of bread. Not everyone is assured of supplies of potatoes, fruit and vegetables."

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 29/07/1989			
B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
5	Novo Cherkassk	Al Rashid	2422026
7	Daizu Maru	Algh Barwil	4842988
8	Shaan	ISA	2441860
12	Carmen Carina	M. Bahar	2433881
13	Ville D' Oman	Yaas	4745533
20	Huracan	Al Bader	2433537
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
29/7	Ville D' Oman	Yaas	4745533
29/7	Suijin	A.M. Bahar	2459891
29/7	An Yang Jiang	M. Bahar	2433881
29/7	Evermore	ISA	2441860
30/7	Tropical Moon	ISA	2441860
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT			
B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Qu Jiang	RSMS	2423642
9	El Flamenco	Algh Seafreight	4745533
11	Dona Sophia	GH&Q	4347815
12	Pazin	M.A. Bahar	2459891
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT			
ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
27/7	Marjon	Al Kamal	2425437
28/7	Golden Harvest	M.A. Bahar	2433881
29/7	Al Waiba	UASC	4843150
01/8	Puffin Arrow	Algh Seafreight	4745533
03/8	Dona	RSMS	2423642
04/8	Al Hass'a	UASC	4843150
04/8	Willine Orient	UASC	4843150
06/8	Seaharmony	Algh Barwil	4842988

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Lloyds Bank profits plunge

LONDON, July 29, (Reuters): Britain's fourth biggest bank, Lloyds Bank PLC, said today increased provisions against Third World debt caused a huge slump in pre-tax profit in the first half of 1989.

After setting aside funds for potential losses on loans to "developing" countries, pretax profit in the half-year ended June 30 fell to £93 million (\$154.38

million) from £452 million (\$750.32) million in the same period last year.

"The outlook for Third World debt has darkened," chairman Sir Jeremy Morse said in a statement. "This is reflected in increased provisions."

The result was a net loss of £88 million (\$146.08 million) in the first half of 1989 against last year's £287 million (\$476.42

million) net profit for the same period.

Charges for bad and doubtful debt increased to £604 million (\$1 billion) in the first half compared with £111 (\$184.26 million) previously.

Specific charges for developing countries' debt rose to £183 million (\$303.78 million) from £48 million (\$79.68 million) last year.

AMMAN			KUWAIT						
	OPNG	CLSG	BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRAD
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	2.22	2.25	-NATIONAL BANK	0.980	1.000	1.000	0.990	1985000	5
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.22	2.59	-GULF BANK	0.355	0.355	0.350	0.355	260000	1
ARAB BANK	198.5	208.4	-COMMERCIAL BK	0.260	0.265	0.265	0.265	460000	1
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	5.56	5.68	-AHLI BANK	0.290	0.300	0.300	0.295	160000	
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.95	1.98	-B.K.N.E.	0.325	0.325	0.325	0.325	20000	
ARAB INSURANCE	1.10	1.10	-K.R.E.B.	0.330	---	---	---	---	---
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	0.62	0.59	-BURSAN BANK	0.255	0.260	0.260	0.260	1020000	3
ARAB INT. UNIV. FUND	1.11	1.16	-K.F.HOUSE	0.465	0.475	0.475	0.475	2010000	5
ARAB JOR. INVEST.	1.26	1.27	INVESTMENT SECTOR	0.099	---	---	---	---	---
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	2.40	2.33	-KWT INV. CO.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
ARAB PAPER COM/TRD	0.38	0.40	-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.040	---	---	---	---	---
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	4.35	4.35	-K.I.C.I.C.	0.063	---	---	---	---	---
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	2.27	2.24	-CON.FACILITIES	0.430	---	---	---	---	---
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---	-AHILAH INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	-I.F.A.	0.095	---	---	---	---	---
BANK OF JORDAN	15.20	15.25	-INV. PEARL KWT	0.087	---	---	---	---	---
BETT AL-HAL/BEITNA	1.26	1.30	-NATIONAL INV.	0.064	0.065	0.065	0.065	200000	4
BELGIUM INSURANCE	0.95	1.00	-KWT PROJECTS.	0.080	0.079	0.079	0.079	120000	
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00	INSURANCE SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
CONFECTION/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	-KWT INSURANCE	0.600	---	---	---	---	---
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.34	0.34	-GULF INSURANCE	0.320	---	---	---	---	---
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	3.04	3.02	-AHLIA INS. CO.	0.480	---	---	---	---	---
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.82	0.82	-HARBA INS. CO.	0.320	---	---	---	---	---
FINANCE/CREDIT/COB	0.75	0.71	REAL ESTATE SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.50	4.50	-K.W.R.EST. CO.	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.130	200000	2
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	-UNI R.EST. CO.	0.090	---	---	---	---	---
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.25	1.25	-NAT R.EST. CO.	0.180	---	---	---	---	---
GENERAL MINING	2.10	1.10	-SALAHIA R.E.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
HIMMER MINERALS	0.75	0.75	-KWT R.E.I.COM	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44	INDUSTRY SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
IND./MAYCH JEMCO	1.35	1.28	-NAT IND. CO.	0.490	---	---	---	---	---
INDSTR. DEVLPT. BNK	1.70	1.70	-KWT M.P. IND.	0.310	---	---	---	---	---
INDSTR./COM/AGR.	1.69	1.60	-KWT CEMENT CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	-REF. IND. CO.	0.360	---	---	---	---	---
INTERN.COM/INV	0.13	0.13	-N.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
IRBIO ELECTRICITY	0.81	0.81	-GULF CABLE	0.980	---	---	---	---	---
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	-K.W.R. IND. CO.	0.166	---	---	---	---	---
INTERMED/PETRI/CH	2.60	2.70	-CONT.MARINE	0.300	---	---	---	---	---
J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.80	0.80	-K.W.REP.CO.	0.045	---	---	---	---	---
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29	SERVICES SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.50	19.50	-OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	---	---	---	---	---
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	2.34	2.30	-K.N.C. CO.	0.180	---	---	---	---	---
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05	-KWT HOTELS CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.49	1.49	-P.WAREHOUSING	0.138	---	---	---	---	---
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22	-COM.MKT.CMPX.	0.081	---	---	---	---	---
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.09	1.09	-MOBILE TELE.	0.295	0.300	0.300	0.295	290000	1
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.18	2.18	-KWT COMPUTER	0.144	---	---	---	---	---
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.42	2.41	FOOD SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	-LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83	-UNTD FISHERIES	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
JOR LIM BRICK	0.12	0.11	-UNTD POULTRY	0.230	---	---	---	---	---
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50	-KWT FOODS	0.300	---	---	---	---	---
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.48	2.48	-AGRI.FOOD PRD.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
JOR PAPER CARDBOGR	4.59	4.59	NON-KWT SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	4.61	4.60	-BHW.INTER.BK	0.064	---	---	---	---	---
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	2.43	2.45	-BHW.N.EAST.BK	0.046	0.046	0.046	0.046	160000	
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72	-COAST INVEST.	0.082	---	---	---	---	---
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25	-A.G. INV.GROP.	0.029	0.029	0.029	0.029	80000	
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	1.49	1.52	-FIRST.GULF BK	0.850	---	---	---	---	---
JOR SECURITY CORP.	1.12	1.11	-BHW.KUW.GROP.	0.078	---	---	---	---	---
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.74	2.73	-GULF MEDICAL.	0.034	---	---	---	---	---
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	3.00	3.15	KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE	---	---	---	---	---	---
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.85	4.92	COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET	---	---	---	---	---	---
JOR KUWAIT AGR.	0.85	0.89	FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRAD
JOR. PETROLIUM REF.	7.90	7.91	-GULF INTL INS.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
JOR.FRENCH INS.	3.01	3.00	-ARAB INT CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
JOR. INV.FIN.CORP	2.30	2.28	-SHARJAH INS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.33	0.33	-GULF UNION INS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
JORDAN DAIYR	1.11	1.10	-R.K.WHYTE CONT	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.12	1.12	-AJMAN CEMENT.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95	INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	---	---	---	---	---	---
JORDAN INSURANCE	3.04	3.09	B-FUJAIRAH CENT	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	2.30	2.32	C-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	---	---	---	---	---
JORDAN KUWAIT-BANK	1.30	1.30	D-GULF CEMENT	0.010	---	---	---	---	---
JORDAN TANNING	2.00	2.00							

De Guzman tried to blackmail Cory

Operation Big Bird



De Guzman

"EFBA (his bank) will be forced to tell the facts— which the undersigned feels are detrimental to the reputation of the Philippine government and Her Excellency's administration," he said in the letter.

In the same letter, De Guzman asked the President to issue a request to the Austrian Ministry of Finance to reissue his bank's license or a takeover of the majority ownership of the bank from any government-owned bank like the Philippine National Bank.

It was not immediately known if Ms Aquino granted any of De Guzman's request.

Meanwhile, Speaker Ramon V. Mitra said Congress will continue its investigation of Operation Big Bird despite charges from former Executive Secretary Joker Arroyo that the inquiry is "devoid of any legal basis."

Commenting on charges hurled by Arroyo, Mitra said: "That's his (Arroyo's) opinion."

"There is no desire on the part of the committee (on public accountability) to embarrass anyone," Mitra assured Arroyo and others who were implicated by De Guzman and Almonte in the bungled operations.

BANKER Michael de Guzman apparently tried to blackmail President Aquino last year when the government refused to help him save his troubled Vienna-based bank which reportedly invested \$2.1 million for "Operation Big Bird."

In a letter to the President dated Jan 19, 1988, De Guzman said he would be forced to tell the facts about the bungled operation to recover an initial \$213 million of former President Marcos' deposits in a Swiss bank.

He said he would reveal the facts — which he said were "detrimental to the reputation of the government and Aquino's administration" — if the government refused to resuscitate his bank, Export-Finanzbank G.m.b.H. Austria (EFBA), in Vienna, Austria.

The government designated De Guzman's bank in 1986 as its depository bank for Marcos deposits which were to be recovered in Switzerland under "Operation Big Bird."

Three government officials were members of its board. They were Justice Secretary Sedfrey Ordóñez (then solicitor general) retired Brig. Gen. Jose Almonte (now commissioner of the Economic

Intelligence and Investigation Bureau (EIIB) and Ambassador Alejandro Melchor who was with the board since the start of the bank's operation in 1982.

In his letter, De Guzman claimed Ordóñez promised to support his bank and its management by channeling the Marcos deposits recovered in Switzerland and through Austria. He said the bank was also to be used as a conduit for development projects for the Philippines.

The government's decision to shelve "Operation Big Bird" embarrassed and disappointed him and the Ministry of Finance in Austria, De Guzman said.

The ministry withdrew his bank's license in Feb 5, 1987 after realizing that the bank no longer enjoyed the support of the Philippine government.

The Vienna Commercial Courts also decided to initiate liquidation proceedings against the bank when it failed to get its license reissued by the ministry of finance.

He said that the bank will be compelled to open its books for scrutiny by Austrian authorities in case of a liquidation proceedings and would be forced to explain "Operation Big Bird."

OYSTERS POISONOUS: The Department of Agriculture and Food (DA) announced a temporary ban on all kinds of shellfish from Masinloc, Zambales following discovery of "red tide" in oysters there from Bamban Bay.

The ban which covers the gathering, marketing and transporting of kinds of shellfish from Masinloc, was recommended to Agriculture Secretary Carlos Dominguez by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR).

BFAR Director Juanito Malig said oysters from Bamban Bay were found positive for "red tide" with a toxic level of 357 micrograms per 10 grams of shellfish meat.

Malig said this level exceeds the tolerable limit of 80 micrograms per 10 grams of shellfish meat. Oysters from Manila Bay, however, were found negative from paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) toxin or "red tide."

BFAR technical personnel Purita de la Pena and Flordeliza de Jesus reported their findings after conducting mouse bio-assay tests that determine the level of PSP toxin in shellfish.

Region three and Masinloc authorities have been alerted by the agriculture department to institute precautionary measures.

Guns for QC policemen: Five hundred pieces of the latest 15-made Mark IV Colt. 45 pistol purchased by the Quezon City government were distributed to members of the city's police force.

The recipients were mostly members of the Investigation Division, Intelligence and Special Operations Group, and other policemen, particularly those from the substations who have received death threats.

A second batch of service firearms is expected to arrive soon for distribution to other policemen. The city has more than 1,600 policemen.

The handguns were donated by the city government through Mayor Brigidio Simon Jr. on the request of police chief Col Rodolfo Garcia.

Meanwhile, Garcia brushed aside death threats he has been receiving in the wake of the assassination of Makati police chief Lt. Col Hermilio Jaylo.

Garcia reportedly received five telephone calls from an unidentified man. "Kayao ng ang susunod," a bodyguard of Garcia quoted the caller.

Aside from Garcia, Northern Police District chief Brig. Gen. Edgar Dula Torres and other NPD officials have been also received death threats.

Killer admits slay: A Former Presidential Security Group (PSG) member suspected in the kidnap-slay of one of two Kabataan para sa Demokrasya at Nasyonalismo (Kadena) members in 1988 was arrested by National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) agents Wednesday in Surigao.

CIC Dioscoro Ambagay Jr., 30, native of Aklan and resident of 2440 Legarda St., Sampaloc, Manila, was surrendered by his chief, Col Roberto Lasimosa, in the NBI team led by regional director Salvador Ramon.

Two of Ambagay's companions when they allegedly kidnaped Kadena Passy chapter head Hilario Bustamante, Jr. and Reynaldo Francisco in front of Tabasco Disco Club on Taft Ave. are still at large.

They were identified by NBI chief J. Antonio Carpio as PC Sgt. Arnel Khoscon and CIC Ramon Clavo.

Francisco's nearly decapitated body was found on March 21, 1988, two days after they were taken in a vacant lot in Dagat-Dagatan, Kalookan City. Bustamante, who was hacked, survived to identify his attackers.

Ambagay admitted to *People's Journal* his participation in the kidnap-slaying of Francisco and the wounding of Bustamante.



Suspect Ambagay: slaying admitted

Miriam warns CARP'S failure will impel farmer rebels

AGRARIAN Reform Secretary Miriam Defensor Santiago warned that the failure of the comprehensive agrarian reform program (CARP) could weaken the government's campaign against the communist insurgency and trigger a full-blown peasants' rebellion.

"If agrarian reform does not succeed, you can be sure that the (peace and order) scenario will really be physical," Santiago told DAR officials during a conference in Calamba, Laguna.

Agrarian reform, she said, "is the only way we can win back the confidence of the people. It is the only hope for bringing peace in the country."

Santiago also asked the DAR officials to put the Garchitorena land scandal behind and cooperate in achieving the targets she had set for the department.

The Garchitorena scandal involved the aborted purchase by DAR of 1,888-hectares of unproductive and hilly land for P62.7 million. The estate was

bought by Sharp International Marketing Phils. at a price of P3.2 million only a few months earlier.

Santiago said the scam and other irregular land deals had tarnished the image of the CARP and the DAR, leading people into believing that agrarian reform was a failure and that the department was graft-ridden.

To lessen opportunities for graft and corruption, Santiago said she would personally supervise the evaluation of lands being voluntarily offered for CARP coverage.

The evaluation of lands will be made during her visits to five "pilot" provinces to be selected shortly.

Earlier, Santiago pledged to distribute 30,000 hectares of idle and abandoned private lands within the next five months and threatened to resign if she failed to speed up land distribution during the next six months.

Mitra: congress to reject aid with attached strings

SPEAKER Ramon V. Mitra said Congress will reject some of ODA funds "Mitra said Congress will reject some of the financial assistance pledged by foreign countries and financial institutions since these are old loans that the government rejected earlier."

"Definitely, Congress will have to reject (those loans) if they (come) with strings attached," Mitra told newsmen. He was obviously invoking Congress' exclusive authority under the Constitution to appropriate money for government operations.

Mitra said a congressional committee will study the pledges under the Philippine Assistance Programme (PAP) to find out if any of these are loans the government did not make use of. The National Economic and Development Authority recommended "non-utilization" of those loans because of "rigid conditions" set by lending countries.

A total of \$3.5 billion in loans and grants was promised by several countries and banks for the Philippine economic recovery programme during the pledging session in Tokyo earlier this week.

Mitra said the House will ask former Economic Planning Secretary Solita C. Monsod to help identify which of the loans were previously rejected by the

government.

Monsod, who had criticised the harsh conditions set by the country's foreign creditors, resigned from the Cabinet last month over differences with other economic policy-makers.

Mitra said the House will try to find out why the government failed to make use of portions of official development assistance (ODA) funds later cancelled. He quoted an international economist as saying, "There is a choke point in the use of foreign assistance."

"Ms Monsod may also be responsible for the government's failure to use some of ODA funds," Mitra said.

About \$2 billion in ODA funds were not spent by the government for unknown reasons, according to some estimates. One of these was a \$15 million assistance approved by the World Bank for the coconut replanting programme.

"Here we are asking for more money for the PAP, despite our failure to use some of foreign loans made available to us," Mitra said. "It's like a pendulum that has swung the other way."

Mitra said that if Monsod and the House committee could pinpoint the loans that were recycled for inclusion in the PAP, Congress would have no choice but to reject them.

The committee will also look into the conditions imposed by donor countries, Mitra said.

Meanwhile, Rep. Raul Roco (LDP, Camarines Sur) asked the Joint Executive-Legislative Foreign Debt Council to gather data on the country's foreign indebtedness.

Roco said the information would help the council formulate negotiating strategies and national debt policies.

He said among the first things the council should examine is whether some of the loans are private and can be repudiated by the government.



Mitra

Teroy discouraged from accepting Orly's posts

Next senate majority floor leader?

BROTHERS of Sen. Sotero Laurel discouraged him from accepting the posts of Senate majority floor leader and chairman of the committee on rules in a family meeting at the senator's residence.

Sources close to the Laurels said former Speaker Jose B. Laurel Jr. and former Ambassador Jose Laurel III urged the senator to turn down the two posts for health and political reasons.

The senator met his two brothers to consult whether to accept the posts vacated by Sen. Orlando Mercado Friday. Vice President Salvador Laurel is on a tour of several Southeast Asian countries.

Informal consultations made by Senate President Jovito Salonga showed that most senators belonging to the majority coalition chose Laurel to be the next Senate majority floor leader, the third highest post in the chamber.

This was known during a

closed-door caucus called by Salonga at the Valle Verde Country Club in Pasig according to a participant who asked not to be named.

"Sigurado na si Teroy, Nag-agree na kami diyan," said one of the senators who attended the caucus.

Sen. Ernesto Herrera earlier said Salonga offered Laurel the Senate posts but the latter turned it down. Salonga later corrected the statement at a news briefing saying "that information is not completely correct. He (Laurel) expressed a disinclination to accept it if other senators were interested in it."

Most senators said they gave Salonga a free hand in choosing the majority floor leader but the latter opted to consult every member of the chamber on their choices.

Laurel was a favourite among most senators but the names of other senators cropped up including those of Senators Aquilino Pimentel, Eduardo

Angara, Ernesto Maceda, Nepitali Gonzales, Wigberto Tanada, Teofisto Guingona and Maminlat Tamano.

Sources said the two Laurels urged their brothers not to accept the posts because he belongs to the opposition Nacionalista Party.

The post of majority floor leader is traditionally given to a member of the ruling coalition who is expected to act as a "party whip" or one who prioritizes administration-endorsed bills. A majority floor leader is tasked with calendaring bills for floor deliberations.

The two Laurels reportedly expressed apprehension that the senator's link with the opposition especially with the vice-president might make his colleagues suspicious of his decisions. "Sa una okay lang iyan pero kapag tunagal, baka magkaroon ng mga kulay," the source quoted the two Laurels as having told their brother.

Boracay gets power

BORACAY island: In a bid to tap to the hilt the tourism-drawing potentials of Boracay Island, the National Electrification Administration (NEA) is set to energize the world-famous scenic spot at a cost of about \$15 million.

NEA Administrator Rodrigo Cabrera who inspected the place to be energized said that his agency will provide the technical work while the Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA) which is supervising the development of Boracay Island and other government-owned tourism facilities in the country will supply the financial requirements of the project.

Before the agreement of the energisation of the tourist spot was reached by the NEA, PTA and other local officials, there were pros and cons on the project that delayed the undertaking for sometime.

Single transport body pleaded

Two proposals to solve problems

TWO proposals could make an immediate impact in transport planning and development.

One proposal is to create a single agency integrating all the transportation and traffic offices. A committee of transportation officials proposed this to President Aquino last March.

The second is to draft a new Traffic Code to replace the country's outdated traffic rules. Rep. Renato Yap (LDP, Quezon City) filed this as a bill in Congress after he found out that drivers and commuters do not know the traffic rules well.

"I will not be surprised if even our policemen cannot point out the specific violation committed by a motorist they just arrested," Yap said.

Yap said the country's traffic rules are outdated. He noted that the government has yet to incorporate into current regulations international traffic rules and agreed upon by more than 100 countries in the Vienna Convention on Traffic in 1968.

Yap proposed that violators be charged higher fines. He said the proceeds will be used to increase the salaries of traffic enforcers.

A five-man committee of officials of the Department of Transportation and Communication said in a report to Aquino that a single, permanent body will be in a much better position to oversee the traffic situation in Metro Manila.

The committee, headed by Transportation Undersecretaries Leopoldo de Guzman and Jose Valdecanas, recommended that the body be called the Metro Manila Transport Authority.

"It's confusing to have too many agencies; they have conflicting ideas. What we need is only one commander-in-chief," said Reyes.

The committee failed to say that the proposal — actually its main recommendation to the President — is just a reshuffle of a plan that was almost carried out by the Metro Manila Commission when then first lady Imelda Marcos was still its head.

Retired Col Rafael Rueda Jr., former executive director of the MMC's Traffic Operations Centre, said the MMTA was first proposed by Conrado Ayuyao, Philippine Motor Association president, in 1979.

Rueda said that under the original plan, the MMTA would assume all the functions of the traffic agencies, including directing traffic, planning and carrying out programmes, and enforcing rules.

However, Rueda said the plan will be short-lived if the police will still form part of the MMTA's enforcement arm. He said the Constabulary should also be abolished.

"The present force is corrupt. We need to recruit and train members for a new enforcement unit," said Rueda.

He said the MMTA should be manned by technocrats and not politicians.

Brig. Gen. Fernando Angara, superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Traffic Command, said he sees nothing wrong if his office is abolished to give way to the MMTA.

"It's all for the best. Our work will be lighter, and we can now concentrate on maintaining peace and order," Angara said.

Frustrated robbers rape maid: two robbers raped the maid of the house they had broken into after they got nothing.

Police later arrested one of the suspects, Jose Daguintos, 21. Daguintos identified his accomplice as Edgardo Penus, 20.

Police said Daguintos and Penus broke into a house at Indang, Cavite at 2 am through a window.

Finding nothing valuable, they saw the maid near the kitchen and turned in raping her.

"Lasing lang ho kami sa ipinagbabawal na gamot kung kaya't agawa naming halayin ang katulong," Daguintos said.

Drug manufacturers suspended: Twelve more drug manufacturers were suspended by the Department of Health's Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) for violation of the Current Good Manufacturing Practices (CGMP). Four others were re-issued licences after instituting corrective measures.

Suspended were Diamond Laboratories, Henry's Laboratories, Hamafere Laboratories, Oualco Corporation, McGwen Pharmaceutical, Arvet Chemical Laboratories, Universal Rabina, Faracia Rubi, Allyson Commercial, Baton Rouge Laboratories, Laboratorio de P. Cabral and the Myrex Ethica Corporation.

Re-issued licences were the Doctor's Pharmaceuticals Inc. Am Re-pharma Corporation, Parli Pharmaceutical Laboratories and the in Pharmaceutical Laboratories.

BFAD director Cecille Gonzalez said the 12 firms were suspended for unsanitary conditions, poor quality control and lack of equipment. Gonzalez said that another 94 companies have been found with deficiencies.

Fifteen other drug companies which ceased operations upon inspection are facing cancellation of their licences, Gonzalez said.

Dead in Cavite: Two men were found dead in separate places in Cavite.

Both had no identification papers.

One of the victims was found in Barangay Nacod, Indang, by a passerby. He was in his early 20s, 5'4" and had gunshot wounds in the head and chest.

The second victim was spotted beside a creek in Barangay Mulawin, Tanza. He also had gunshot wounds in the body.

Police said the victims would have been killed in other places.

Maricel Soriano and Edu Manzano

Are the heart-throbs compatible?

NOW that the two lovestruck showbiz personalities, Edu Manzano and Maricel Soriano have finally hurdled the challenge of official sanction over their relationship (they were finally wed last June 29 at the Apostolic Nunciature on Taft Ave.), the next questions that invariably crop up are more fascinating, more intriguing, if not more challenging. Are they compatible?

ble? Will the union last? Or will it duplicate the tragic path taken by the Edu Manzano-Vilma Santos wedding?

The day-to-day relationship of the newly wed couple physically speaking, is basically OK being more than average. Their respective physical cycle is unquestionably in tune with each other as authenticated by an 82.6 per cent biorythmic physical compatibility average.

The problem however, lies on both the emotional and intellectual aspects. On these two counts, a liberal dose of understanding and adjustment will surely be needed to overcome the looming individual threats of poor compatibility showing not only on the emotional factor (a measly 14 per cent) but also on the intellectual front (12 per cent).

Simply translated, Edu and Maricel are not as compatible as we would want them to be but only compatible sometimes as substantiated by a meagre com-

patibility average of only 39.2 per cent.

Their numeroscope is of no help either — since 3 (Maricel) and 7 (Edu) spells harmony-conflict, compounded by the fact that both numbers are equally strong. Seven's (Edu's) concern for perfection can be of great help to the artistically self-expressive 3 (Maricel). Conflict can result from 3's need for the limelight and 7's need for privacy.

And you know what? A virgo (Edu)-Pisces (Maricel) combination is reportedly one of the most difficult in the zodiac, and should be attempted only, according to noted astrologer Sydney Omarr, by very intrepid souls. Fortunately for both E and M for they happen to be both resolute and fearless).

So, where does the Edu-Maricel relationship lead to?

Notwithstanding the odds stacked against the fledgling union, "when there is determination," as exemplified by the Kinsey Report, "differences between the spouses may be overlooked

or forgotten and minor disturbances may be viewed in a perspective which emphasizes the importance of maintaining the marital union."

It's now up to Mr and Mrs Eduardo Manzano to take the necessary precautionary measures and compensatory adjustments to avert a heartrending end to an otherwise beautiful love....



Manzano



Soriano

New grain centre

THE National Food Authority and the Federation of Greater Manila Grains Businessmen (FGMGB) formally opened at Quinta Market in Quiaop the first Bigasang Bayan, a grains centre solely devoted in selling NFA rice. The Bigasang Bayan is launched in response to the consumers complaints of their inability to buy NFA rice. With a price pegged at P6.50 per kilo, the NFA rice is priced comparatively lower than the commercial rice available in the market. A joint undertaking of the NFA — Metro Manila Office and the FGMGB, the Bigasang Bayan is targeted to be established in several major markets in Metro Manila. The officers of the respective market retailers association will manage the grains centre while the NFA MMO will prioritize the centre in the distribution to assure the availability of rice supply.

Cory asked to make higher tuition illegal

MILITANT students have asked President Aquino to declare illegal the higher tuition collected by schools to ease unrest in some campuses.

In a letter to Ms Aquino, the National Union of Students in the Philippines (NUSP) said they have documents proving that several private schools had increased their fees well above the tuition ceilings set by the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS).

It said several colleges and universities violated the School Subsidy Law by collecting higher tuition without consulting students, parents, teachers and alumni.

A delegation led by NUSP chairman Mike Defensor yesterday handed the two-page letter to Speaker Ramon V. Mitra who promised to deliver it to the President along with other documents.

Mitra told the students he would try to arrange a dialogue between Aquino and student leaders.

He also said Congress would investigate

alleged violations by schools of the subsidy law and DECS guidelines on tuition increases after studying the documents.

In the letter, the students said government's inaction on the tuition issue constituted "a grave injustice to our parents and more than half a million students dislocated (from) schools because of the increases."

They also blamed authorities for the recent violent clashes that marred student demonstrations against tuition hikes, saying "our assemblies were peaceful and not confrontational."

During a press conference militant student groups led by the NUSP and the League of Filipino Students (LFS) said they would defy the government guidelines on student demonstrations by holding protest actions against the tuition increases.

"There is a clear connivance between the government and the school owners," Defensor said, adding that the guidelines



Aquino virtually allowed the "militarization" of campuses.

Mitra, who was also told about the students' objections to the guidelines, said he would ask Defence Secretary Fidel V. Ramos and Gen. Renato de Villa, Armed Forces chief, to review the authority given to policemen and soldiers to disperse student rallies.

The guidelines, which were drawn up in a meeting Monday among representatives of the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities (PACU), the military and some government offices, also ban the setting up of barricades on campuses.

PACU suspended classes in 26 member schools in Metro Manila last week to press government into acting against campus unrest.

It lifted the suspension after the guidelines were approved.

Shortly after the press conference called by the student groups, some 150 members of the LFS held a gathering rally in front of the PACU office in Espana to protest the guidelines.

From the provinces

CEBU CITY: The Cebu provincial board, riding roughshod on a presidential executive order, has voted to ban the use of Tagalog in official communications and as medium of instruction in schools in the province.

In Executive Order No. 355, the President had directed government official nationwide to use "Filipino" in official communications and as medium of instruction in schools starting this year.

Board assistant majority floor leader Winston Garcia, said that it is "premature" to use Filipino as medium of instruction and of official communications before the language could be "standardized" by Congress.

"The board is standing on solid legal ground in objecting to the deceptive use of Tagalog as the national language," Garcia said.

School authorities said they would refer the board resolution to higher education officials. PNA.

CALAPAN, Oriental Mindoro: A recent encounter here between government soldiers and communist guerrilla which left one rebel dead and two others wounded was sweet revenge for a constabulary sergeant.

"Nakabawi rin tayo," T/ Sgt. Vedasto Magnayon, team leader of the joint PC-CAFGU team that assaulted the five-man expansion team of the rebels in San Cristobal, Victoria town, said while retrieving M-14 rifle and a Springfield rifle, a shotgun and rounds of ammunition left by the retreating rebels.

Witnesses told the soldiers that two rebels were badly wounded and had no chance of surviving. Blood literally covered the rebels' escape route.

Last January, it was Magnayon's blood which was spilled on the trail.

The 45-year-old sergeant was checking on the reported presence of armed men in sitio Paraiso, Barangay Leido, less than a kilometer from the June 11 firefights, when bullets rained on his team.

Magnayon was hit in the legs. Magnayon urged his men to fire back and fight to the finish.

After more than 15 minutes, the rebels retreated. Magnayon spent several weeks at the AFP Medical Center in Quezon City for his wound.

When he returned last March, Gov Benjamin I. Espiritu gave him and his men plaques of appreciation.

"Baka ngayon medalya naman," Magnayon jokingly said.

As a sign of respect to their enemy, Magnayon and his men buried the slain guerrilla, identified as Raymond, the team leader, at the Victoria public cemetery.

CEBU CITY: Customs police authorities Monday seized a mini-van loaded with assorted untaxed goods worth P100,000 after arrival at the local wharf.

Lt. Dionisio Grava, national customs police district operations officer, reported to Major Mario Escario, district commander, that the goods, reportedly shipped from the barter trade zone in Jolo, Sulu, were intercepted at D Jakosalem st. near the PNB building.

The seized goods consisted of three bales of table cloth, four boxes assorted textiles and three boxes containing radio/cassette recorders.

Grava said three passengers of my Georick whose identities were withheld have claimed ownership and admitted that the articles came from the barter trade zone.

However, they failed to present any supporting documents or certificate of payments covering the goods, Grava said.

BALANGA, Bataan: Sexual and financial scandals rocked the Central Luzon hierarchy of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and the New People's Army (NPA), resulting in quarrels among the top leaders.

This was disclosed the other day by Col Liberato A. Manuel, commander of the Philippine Army's 702nd Infantry Brigade which covers Bataan, Pangasinana, Zambales, Tarlac, and western Pangasinana.

He said the communist rebels in the region have suffered setbacks and are now concentrating in black propaganda aimed at discrediting the military and local officials. The propaganda war is being waged by the National Democratic Front (NDF).

and other left-leaning groups.

Manuel said that the communist recruitment and expansion programme is hampered by the deployment of the Army's special operations teams and the introduction of the Citizens Armed Forces Geographical Unit (CAFGU) in rebel-influenced barangays.

He added that the communists could not pursue their expansion plans because of lack of mass base support and because of demoralization within the rank and file. He said NPA regulars are dwindling due to deaths in encounters and unabated defections.

He also said the members of communist guerrilla units were forced to disperse in small groups for lack of support and co-operation. (Efron Molina).

MANILA: Two passengers of a Bacalar-bound jeepney died while 14 others were seriously injured when the jeepney they were riding in lost its break and smashed into a Light Rail Transit (LRT) post in front of the Sta. Isabel College on Taft Ave shortly before noon.

May Arturo Fernandez, chief of the West Traffic Division (WTD) of the Western Police District, identified one of the fatalities as Remigio Yamat, 26. The other one was unidentified. The two died at the emergency room of the Philippine General Hospital (PGH).

In critical condition were Lagrimas Perez, 43; Gina Pascual, 22; Arnel Cardinez, 21; Pablo Tubay, 57, and his brother and driver of the passenger jeep Adriano, 50; Encarnacion Perez, 59; and her daughter Avelina, 30, and Sarah, six-year old grand daughter of Encarnacion; Sarah Ibanez, 25, and her sister-in-law Precy, 22; Rose Perez, 13; Tita de Guia, 20; Joseito Garado, 21; and Milla Perez, 43. The victims were all confined at the PGH, a police report said.

QUEZON CITY: Three container vans loaded with knocked-down truck and car parts, and air conditioning units with a total value of P30 million were seized by customs authorities at the South Harbour.

The "chop-chop" vehicles, car axles, and auto seats were declared as used generators and electric motors.

The cargoes came from Japan last June aboard M/V Fernando Everet and was reportedly consigned to DFF Commercial at 24 Limbaga St. Quezon City and Folly-Ed General Merchandising of 1555 Aranaeta Ave., QC.

The contents of a 40-foot van declared as air conditioners, blowers, motors and driers turned out to be complete air conditioning units consigned to Auto Klima Marketing of 71 Rocas Ave. QC. It arrived on board M/V ASIA Ace last July 5.

MANILA: The Pagirbang Bicolnon Inc., umbrella organization of some one million Bicolnonos now residing in Metro Manila and other parts of the country, hailed the appointment of Miriam Defensor Santiago as secretary of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) and the objectiveness of National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) in its investigation of the Manag-Roy case.

This shows that the Aquino government is responsive to public opinion, the association said.

Speaking through professor Teopisto S. Tjiam, lawyer Juan Marfil Jr., Buddy Regalado and Bernardo Vargas, chairman, secretary-general, executive vice-president of the Pagirbang Bicolnon, respectively, said that the "appeal for help by the Garthorena farmers who were joined by farmers from Albay, Sorsogon, Catanduanes, Masbate, and Camarines Norte immediately drew the attention of President Aquino."

LEYTE, MT PROVINCE: Two provinces remained without an elected governor as of yesterday because of unresolved election disputes 18 months after the January 18, 1988 local elections.

The Commission on Elections (Comelec) said the provinces are Leyte and Mt. Province.

Comelec officials said the non-proclamation of the winning candidate for governor in Leyte cannot be blamed on the poll since it has already decided the pre-proclamation cases.

They said had the Supreme Court not issued a restraining

order, the Leyte provincial board of canvassers could have already reconvened, finished the canvass and proclaimed the winning candidate for governor. (E.T. Suarez).

MAKATI: Two police operatives were shot and seriously wounded by a lone gunman in a motorcycle while they were arresting an alleged marijuana pusher in Makati.

The victims were identified as patrolmen Victorino Merencillo, 32, of the Makati police narcotics section.

Merencillo suffered a gunshot wound in the left side of the body while Hamor was hit by a bullet in the stomach. Both victims were taken to the Polymeric General Hospital, police said. (Aris Ilagan).

PASAY CITY: Three men were arrested by the Pasay City police after they were caught in the act of snipping "shabu" following a tip received by the law men of an ongoing post session inside an owner-type jeep parked on Cuyegkeng St., Pasay City.

The arresting officers, led by Cpl. Jaime Dela Cruz, identified the suspected "shabu" users as Eduardo Abiola, 32, of Sincero St., Pasay; Felicissimo Lejano, 35, of 152 Poblacion, Kawi, Cavite; and Fernando Marquez, 35, also of Pasay. (Shirley S. Matias).

MANILA: The Supreme Court (SC) has ruled that sugar-cane planters can sue the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) for money claims against the defunct Philippine Sugar Commission (Philuscom).

The unanimous decision, written by Justice Florentino P. Feliciano in effect, paved the way for sugar planters to recover some P2.7 billion in alleged excess levies reportedly deducted from their sugar exports by Philuscom.

The alleged excess levies were reportedly used by Philuscom in the settlement of its obligations with foreign financial institutions.

SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga: Pampanga District Engineer Rafael S. Ponio announced that infrastructure projects costing P72.3 million will be completed by the end of October, this year.

Ponio made the announcement after Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) field engineers and government-accredited contractors reported that almost 50 per cent of the 408 public works projects being implemented this year in the different towns of the province are about to be completed.

NORTHERN LUZON: Defence Secretary Fidel V. Ramos asked President Aquino to declare as calamity areas six Northern Luzon provinces which were hard hit by typhoon Goring.

In this report to President Aquino, Ramos identified the provinces of (Ilocos Sur, Ilocos Norte, Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya) and three towns in (La Union) as areas that suffered heavy damage and sought the allotment of rehabilitation funds.

Goring, with centre winds at 202 kilometres per hour, lashed Northern and Central Luzon over the weekend causing landslides and flash-floods.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development reported last week the death toll has risen to 32. It added that 30 have been reported injured and 28 others, missing.

Social Welfare Secretary Mita Pardo de Tavera said there were 15 deaths reported in Ilocos, 15 in the Cordilleras and two in Cagayan.

All the missing persons were reported in the Cordilleras, she added.

Tavera said 15 of the injured were from the Cordilleras, nine from Ilocos, and six from Cagayan.

She said the number of affected families have also risen to 35,596 or a total of 189,672 persons from Ilocos, Cagayan, Cordillera, Central Luzon, Southern Tagalog and Western Visayas.

Tavera also said that 3,346 houses were totally destroyed and 21,312 partially damaged.

Ramos, however, said the amount needed for rehabilitation still has to be determined from reports by Provincial Disaster Co-ordination Councils and provincial, agricultural and engineering officials in the affected areas.

Meanwhile, reports reaching the DSWD said big waves hit barangay (Lalac, Naga, Cavite).

Why low grade rice!

By C.D. Balana

SENATE President Pro Tempore Teofisto Guingona has asked Agriculture Secretary Carlos Dominguez and the National Food Authority to explain why the government had to import low grade rice, most of it "broken" and naphthalene-contaminated, to the detriment of the consumer.

Guingona, chairman of the Senate blue ribbon committee, told a press conference that both Dominguez and the NFA failed to give the terms and conditions involved in the rice import when they recommended to the Cabinet the purchase of 250,000 metric tons of rice early this year despite the fact there was no shortage of rice.

Guingona said that before the import of rice was agreed upon, the government, through the NFA, exported 23,000 metric tons of rice to Indonesia as payment for a loan it previously secured.

Since the prevailing value of payment in kind was higher than the amount due, the government suffered a loss of P1.2 million as a result of the transaction, Guingona said.

House clips funds transfer power

By Beth A. Pango

THE committee on appropriations decided to clip power of the Department of Budget and Management to transfer funds from one purpose to another.

The 46-member committee decided on this course of action after they established that the DBM had been drawing from lump sum appropriations and contingency funds to create thousands of new positions and to finance projects of local government.

The committee also found out that DBM violated the budget act of 1989 by increasing the P10 million authorised allocation for the Economic Intelligence and Investigation Bureau to P35 million.

With most of its members present, the committee grilled Budget Secretary Guillermo Carague for about six hours on his department's creation of thousands of unfilled positions in 28 government agencies this year.

Documents show that the government needs P1.25 billion to pay for the salaries of personnel appointed to the new positions.

"We will put limitations on the

use of funds, especially contingency funds," said Rep. Rolando Andaya, appropriations committee chairman. He said the limitations would be incorporated in the General Appropriations Act of 1990.

The committee, however, said there was nothing illegal in the DBM's creation of 26,503 positions, since these were authorised by executive orders allowing the reorganisation of various government offices.

However, in a memorandum to President Aquino dated March this year, Carague recommended the pooling of savings from various government offices to partly pay for the salaries of 2,000 additional personnel of the Bureau of International Revenue to be appointed to newly approved positions.

In his testimony before the appropriations committee, Carague also said most of the positions in the 28 agencies had not been filled up yet.

He said he had already issued memoranda to agencies requesting the creation of new positions to certify that they have savings for the payment of salaries of new personnel they would hire.

Also during the hearing, the opposition bloc tried to bring up



Carague

their charge that 30 government agencies had spent a total of P17 billion over their authorised budgets in 1988.

Minority Floor leader Rodolfo Albano (KBL, Isabela) said there were "discrepancies" in the budget expenditures of the government.

But the committee said the listed items were "not properly interpreted."

"Sa reorganisation talaga nagka-gulo," said Andaya, who served as a budget under-secretary like Carague after the EDSA revolt.

DBM sources earlier said the

effectivity of the executive orders had lapsed in September 1988, and could not be used to justify the creation of new positions this year.

However, Budget Secretary Guillermo Carague said the Office of the President had ordered DBM to release the additional P25 million so that EIBB could activate its field operations.

Congress had slashed EIBB's budget to P10 million and abolished its field operations offices, saying it was merely duplicating the job of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and Customs.

"Why do you superimpose your wisdom over the legislative body? This is the problem with some people in the cabinet; they superimpose their wisdom," Andaya told Carague.

The committee also asked Carague to submit records of budgetary releases to local governments as well as account for the use of contingency funds and government savings.

Rep. Renato Dragon (LDP, Cavite) said the DBM should save to the committee how savings were used since 1986. Savings are supposed to revert to the general fund before they can be used.

Bishops to control evil Land reforms on schedule

THE country's Catholic leadership scored graft and corruption in government which "has become so widespread and has largely gone unpunished."

To illustrate the apparent helplessness of the Aquino administration in eradicating graft, the influential Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines called on the private sector to help check the practice by forming anti-graft councils in every province, city, town and village. These councils will be supported by Church congregations, dioceses and parishes.

The denunciation and the call were contained in a pastoral letter entitled "Thou Shalt Not Steal" which is scheduled to be read tomorrow in all Catholic churches nationwide. The letter was prepared during the CBCP assembly last July 9-11 but the 100 bishops making up the association decided to postpone its release in deference to the President's visit to Europe at the time.

"Graft and corruption—in the plainest of language, stealing from the public through the misuse of influence or position—has become, to our shame as a people, an ordinary fixture of our nation's

public life," the CBCP said in three-page pastoral letter signed by Archbishop Leonardo Legaspi of Nueva Caceres, newly reelected CBCP president. "President Aquino herself has returned, if not to the same extent, at least with equal shamelessness during her administration."

It was one of the rare times the bishops released a pastoral letter criticizing the Aquino administration. The CBCP has tried to maintain a so-called constructive critical collaboration with the government which it helped install in 1986.

"Such stealing, in and out of government is, to be sure, nothing new. But we are dismayed that it has become so widespread and has largely gone unpunished. In fact, many who steal seem to no longer care to hide the illicit fruits of their stealing."

"What makes us even more sad is this: acts of graft and corruption or toleration and connivance with them are no longer ordinarily viewed as sin, but are often considered as acts of cleverness (when uncaught or) or mistakes (when caught)," the pastoral letter said.

The bishops said they found corruption in the country "especially hateful" since "it steals money from the already poor."

Last month, Ms Aquino admitted that corruption had returned under her administration and said she would wage a relentless campaign against it, no matter who got hurt.

Speaking during the launching of the National Coalition for Transparency, an alliance of business, civil and religious groups fighting corruption, Ms Aquino assailed her critics, saying they have no right to preach to her about honesty because they connived to plunder the country while they were in power.

Graft and corruption was one of the main issues raised by Aquino against the Marcos government when she campaigned for presidency in 1986.

The bishops admitted that they, themselves, are also guilty of graft and corruption and said: "We express our repentance even as we ask for the forgiveness of the Lord and those we have harmed."

Land reforms on schedule

DESPITE recent scandals involving overvaluation of private lands offered for sale to the government, the multi-billion-dollar Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program is moving on target, according to the department of agrarian reform.

Measuring the implementing agency's accomplishment in CARP for the month of June along, the department posted a weighted performance rating 81.66 per cent, considering that last month was a disturbing period for DAR due to the number of scandals unearthed.

Several sectors raised apprehension earlier that implementation of what the Aquino administration considered its landmark centerpiece programme would slow down dramatically as a result of the much-publicised irregularities.

Based on the official report of the DAR, it even surpassed its target in the distribution of emancipation patents, although distribution of certificates of land ownership awards and homestead patents suffered, significant below-target accomplishments.

Statistics show that some 44,288 hectares of land were distributed in different parts of the country to some 30,000 farmer-beneficiaries. The target set at the start of the year was only 39,200 hectares to a lesser number of beneficiaries.

Critics may be proved right about projection of delays in negotiations for the purchase of lands offered voluntarily for sale to the government, or the voluntary offer of sale (VOS) scheme.

But this is mainly due to the loopholes in the existing provisions and guidelines covering the system, particularly pertaining to the issue of just compensation.

The administration has been looking into measures for legislation that would rescue the image of CARP from whatever negative or even destructive impressions the land purchase scandals might have created.

But it would be wrong to presume the CARP would no longer move at a faster pace than before the scandals wrecked the noble undertaking.

The remaining aspects of the programme continue moving toward and unstoppable at that.

Distribution of lands alone will not do any good if not supported with technical know-how to farmer beneficiaries.

The DAR's overall performance with regard to the CARP implementation has helped in drumming up support for the Philippine Assistance Programme in Tokyo recently.



NBI take over investigations

TWO senators urged the Senate ethics committee to allow the National Bureau of Investigation to take over the investigation of the rumoured indiscretions of some of their colleagues.

Senators Sotero H. Laurel and Juan Ponce Enrile also suggested that the committee subpoena the registry books of motels and hotels where so-called "Senate Lotharios" reportedly spend nights with their mistresses or—in some cases male lovers.

Both Laurel and Enrile sit at the ethics committee which conducted an "informal" inquiry into the rumors. Sen. Rene Saguisag, committee chairman, stopped the inquiry when Sen. Orlando Mercado resigned as majority floor leader and chairman of the powerful rules committee.

Mercado said his resignation was not an admission of his frustration over his failure to check the rumours which, he said, had taken a toll on his family, particularly his cancer-stricken wife Dorothy, impaired his effectivity, and tarnished the Senate's image.

The proposal for a new investigation was made by former Chief Justice Felix Makasari, representing Laurel, and a representative of Enrile during a committee hearing when Saguisag formally announced an end to the "informal" inquiry into the rumours.

The rumors about the "exploits" of some senators gained national attention when newspaper columnists and radio muckrakers started harping on them. According to the rumors, several senators kept mistresses or had affairs with newshounds, bold starlets, actresses and, in some cases, men.

Mercado, a former radio journalist and popular television host, resigned from his Senate posts last Friday over rumours he impregnated a senator's pretty daughter.

Let crocodiles be!

SURIGAO CITY: Scared of being eaten alive by the reptiles, Surigao islanders first wanted the crocodiles in their swamps captured.

Now they want them kept there so the island could benefit from the tourism potentials of having a crocodile sanctuary.

During the last three months, eight crocodiles on the island were captured by a team from the Philippines Japan Crocodile Research Institute. They were flown to Palawan where Speaker Ramon V. Mitra has envisioned setting up a sanctuary.

Local officials here, however, are protesting the transfer of the captured crocodiles to Palawan.

In a recent dialog with Mitra, city officials demanded that the crocodile sanctuary be set up instead on Surigao island for economic reasons.

"Why are they taking out our crocodiles," asked Councilman Innocentes Lopez. "We need those reptiles here to attract tourists to Surigao."

According to Lopez, Surigao has attracted international attention because of the crocodiles. "This is one big opportunity for the city government to boost its tourist industry," he said.

The Rotary Club of Metro Surigao recently passed a resolution asking the government to allow the crocodiles to be returned to Surigao island for tourism development purposes.

Mitra turned down the idea of moving the Palawan sanctuary to Surigao, but agreed to have a second crocodile sanctuary on Surigao island.



The island is a perfect place for crocodiles but it's the most dangerous place for humans to live in, Mitra said.

Three months ago, local leaders sought the help of the Department of Local Government in capturing the crocodiles. They said their fishing industry was on the verge of death as fishermen have refused to venture into the waters for fear of their lives.

Twelve persons had reportedly been eaten alive by crocodiles, the most notorious of which was reported to be a 30-foot one.

مکالمہ

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حضرت عرواض بن عرفانؓ کہتے ہیں کہ
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(مستطاری)



عقل و ادب

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برج میزان

(۲۲ تا ۲۳ ستمبر تا ۲۲ اکتوبر)

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برج عقرب

برج جوزا

(۲۰ مئی تا ۲۰ جون)

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برج سرطان

(۲۲ جولائی ۲۰۱۳ء)

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سرحد کے سابق گورنر فضل حق کے جسمانی ریمانڈ کے خلاف نگرانی کی درخواست خارج کر دی گئی

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عرب ٹائمز

آوارہ ۲۷ روزی الخیر ۱۳۰۹ھ - ۲۰ جولائی ۱۹۸۹ء - قیمت ایک روپیہ

آئی بے آئی کے رکن اسمبلی کو سرحد کا پینشن شامل کر لیا گیا

پشاور میں ایک عدالت نے آئی بے آئی کے رکن اسمبلی کو سرحد کا پینشن شامل کر لیا گیا۔ عدالت نے کہا کہ پینشن کی رقم آئی بے آئی کے رکن اسمبلی کو ملے گی۔

کابل پر مجاہدین کا ایک اور راکٹ حملہ

کابل پر مجاہدین کا ایک اور راکٹ حملہ ہوا۔ راکٹ نے کابل کے ایک علاقے کو نشانہ بنایا۔

پاکستان مسئلہ کشمیر پر اپنے موقف سے دستبردار نہیں ہوگا

پاکستان مسئلہ کشمیر پر اپنے موقف سے دستبردار نہیں ہوگا۔ پاکستان کا موقف یہ ہے کہ کشمیر کا مسئلہ بین الاقوامی سطح پر حل کیا جائے۔

اسلام آباد - ۲۹ جولائی (پریس ریلیٹ)

اسلام آباد میں ۲۹ جولائی کو ایک پریس ریلیٹ ہوئی۔ اس موقع پر مختلف تنظیموں کے نمائندے نے شرکت کی۔

سری لنکا میں تشدد کے دوران ۵۰ افراد موت کے گھاٹ اتاریے گئے

سری لنکا میں تشدد کے دوران ۵۰ افراد موت کے گھاٹ اتاریے گئے۔ تشدد کے دوران کئی افراد ہلاک ہوئے۔



متحدہ علاقوں میں کرفیو کے خلاف ورزیاں اور مظاہرے

متحدہ علاقوں میں کرفیو کے خلاف ورزیاں اور مظاہرے ہوئے۔ لوگ کرفیو کی خلاف ورزی کر رہے ہیں۔



منشیات کی بین الاقوامی اسمگلنگ میں ملوث ملزم حاجی اقبال بیگ کا جسمانی ریمانڈ حاصل کر لیا گیا

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اسلام اور مغرب

اسلام اور مغرب کے مابین کی تعلیمات کی بات کی گئی۔ اسلام اور مغرب کے مابین کی تعلیمات کی بات کی گئی۔

سری لنکا سے بھارتی امن فوجوں کی واپسی شروع ہو گئی

سری لنکا سے بھارتی امن فوجوں کی واپسی شروع ہو گئی۔ بھارتی فوجیں سری لنکا سے واپس لوٹ رہی ہیں۔

قذافی کے الزامات میں اردنی باشندہ گرفتار

قذافی کے الزامات میں اردنی باشندہ گرفتار۔ اردنی باشندہ کو قذافی کے الزامات میں گرفتار کیا گیا۔

ایرانی مجلس کے اسپیکر فنجانی بھاری اکثریت سے ایران کے صدر منتخب کر لئے گئے

ایرانی مجلس کے اسپیکر فنجانی بھاری اکثریت سے ایران کے صدر منتخب کر لئے گئے۔ فنجانی نے بھاری اکثریت سے صدر منتخب کیا۔

کویت امریکا کے لئے اعلان

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پاکستان کے وزیر خارجہ نے امریکا کے صدر سے ملاقات

پاکستان کے وزیر خارجہ نے امریکا کے صدر سے ملاقات کی۔ وزیر خارجہ نے امریکا کے صدر سے ملاقات کی۔

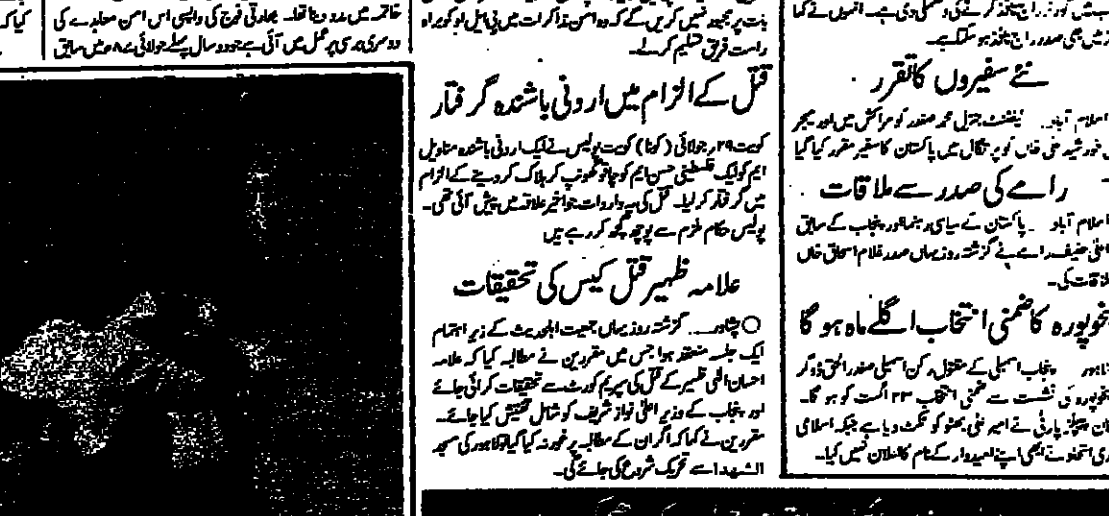
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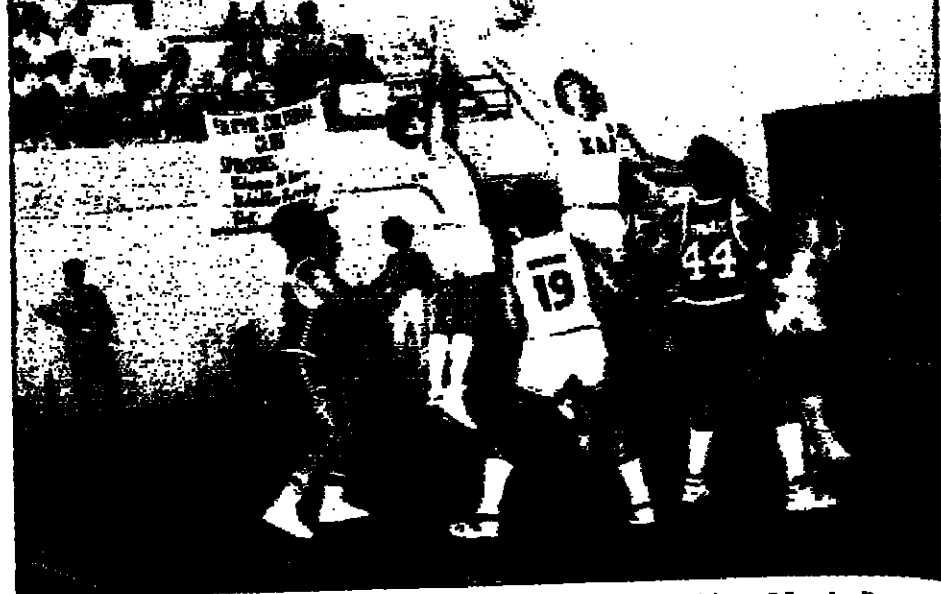
SPORTS



A section of the crowd watching the basketball game.



The Al Rashed Freight women's volleyball team.



Action shot of the EEI-Woodgroup game. (Photos by Haitham Murshed)

By Gili Bangalan

CELSE TUADLES, Pizza Italia All Star MVP awardee, scored 46 points and led Woodgroup to a decisive win over EEI-Kamish Al Aryan on Friday in the first game of the men's basketball final round.

The Woodgroup quintet dogged the heels of the EEI-Kamish from the start of the game, succeeding in keeping the EEI-Kamish lead to three points only through the game, until the last two minutes when they spurted with 3 consecutive baskets that sealed the fate of the former.

Woodgroup's win gives them an advantageous position in the 6-teams final round. Supporting Celso Tuadles in his heroics were Magallanes, Dyjongoe, Branzuela, J. Tuadles, and Almario. Tuadles J. and Almario scored 10 pts each, Marcelo 9 pts, while Magallanes and Branzuela had 8 pts and 4 pts respectively.

On the EEI-Kamish side, Barcelona topscored with 41 pts; Dingson made 25 pts, before fouling in the last 3 minutes of the game; and Repollo contributed 10 pts. Final score was 99-89.

In the other games, Magnolia Ice Cream routed SAS Hotel, 100-69. SAS Hotel's demise came early in the games when their scoring machine Arganoza found himself with 4 fouls already at the start of the second half. He fouled out eventually after contributing only 14 pts, way below his 42 pts average per game.

Top scorers for the Magnolia Ice Creamers were Zalavaria with 32 pts, Calaycay 21 pts, Vargas 13 pts, Babierra and San Buenaventura scored 10 pts each. For the SAS Hotel, Vergara and Dalde scored 14 pts each while San-

Woodgroup surprise EEI-Kamish

Durrani Exchange defeat FCC Shell



The Woodgroup squad who stunned EEI-Kamish.



An injured Woodgroup player is carried off the court.

doval made 10 pts.

Regency Palace outplayed Dollarco Exchange, 67-55, behind Bolito's heads-up play. Bolito sank 21 pts, with Ecija and Riodique contributing 12 pts each. For Dollarco, Laborte and Romero provided the firepower, scoring 16 and 14 pts, respectively. Macatangay apparently suffered from an icy hand as he managed to sink in only 4 pts.

The six teams will be playing a single round robin series in this final round to determine the champion and final ranking of the teams. The second round of games is scheduled on

Friday, 04 August 1989. Due to circumstances beyond the committee's control, there will be no games during the holidays, i.e. August 2 & 3, instead all games henceforth shall be scheduled every Friday.

In the ladies volleyball championship round, Durrani Exchange found themselves facing a more aggressive FCC Shell. Durrani lost the first set, 7-15, but recovered in the next in a 15-2 win. They stumbled in the third set, 9-15, but the Durrani spikers would not bow to FCC Shell as they clobbered the latter in the final two sets, 15-1 and 15-2. Durrani's win places them in an advantage over the FCC Shell.

Competing for the third position, Al Rashed rallied from a 2-set disadvantage, winning the next three sets to turn the tables on archrival Hatid Ligaya. Final score was 7-15, 10-15, 15-6, 15-8 and 15-8.

Schedule of games Friday, 04 August 1989: 8:00 Dollarco Exchange vs SAS Hotel; 9:30 Regency Palace vs EEI-Kamish; 11:00 Magnolia Ice Cream vs Woodgroup Engineering; 12:30 VL Al Rashed vs Hatid Ligaya; 2:00 VL Durrani Exchange vs FCC Shell; 3:30 Regency Palace vs Woodgroup Engineering; 5:00 Dollarco Exchange vs Magnolia Ice Cream.



Kapilku and Palero officials (Sikaran-karate). Left to right (sitting): June Pine and Cris Officer. Standing: Jun Mercado, Noel Ordonia, Bayani Trinidad, Freddie Fernando—VP sports and recreation—and Palero chairman and Kapilku president Manny Inserto.



EEI-Kamish players on the bench during a break.



The Hatid-Ligaya squad who lost to Al Rashed.



A Woodgroup player relaxes.



One of the players quenches his thirst.

Trinidad triumphs

BAYANI TRINIDAD, a 4th dan black belt and a sikaran master won the black belt Kata Championship trophy with an excellent performance of Kata number 7 on Friday, at the Keifan Gym.

Bayani's outstanding delivery and perfect technique enabled him to edge his close rival to the delight of the spectators.

Emmanuel Ordonia, a 1st dan black belt showed and demonstrated the Hian Go Dan to capture the first runner-up position with perfection on stance and form.

Black belt Crispin Oficiar romped away with the second runner-up prize with a very good demonstration of Passaiso.

All the winners in the green, brown and black belts Kata tournament will get an award. Trophies and medals will also be awarded to the champions and runners-up respectively. The prize distribution will be held on Friday, August 4 at 1:00 pm and all Sikaran-Karate members should come in Kimono uniforms.

The judges for the highest rank in the Kata competition were Kapilku President Manny Inserto and Jun Mercado, a sikaran-karate enthusiast.

The sikaran-karate Kata tournament is being sponsored by Hatid Ligaya—Abughoesh International (Philippines door to door service.)



The Hatid-Ligaya ladies receive instructions from their coach.



Kapilku and Palero officials with trophies to be presented on Friday.



Some of the Filipinos have their lunch at the Keifan gym.

All-Star game could have been better with participation of all players

By Butch J. Cordero

THE PIZZA Italia All-Stars basketball tournament, played last week, is the most spicy if not the nicest serving one could offer to the local basketball fanatics in the hot month of July.

Sans tyros and neophytes and fumbling basketweavers, the distinct Filipino flavour and a native aroma arise.

Here, All-Star Filipino players are the main ingredients. Home made products like Tuadles, Lugo, Barcelona and Dingson are adequately served as toppings to equally delectable desserts like Babierra, Reyes, Vargas and Zalavaria.

Too bad, the most delectable and tasty Perez, Lindimas, De la Cruz and Castro were not around.

Local fanatics could have feast more, leaving Keifan stadium full and satisfied.

After all the brouhaha, the walkouts and all that jazz, even pessimists have all the reason to believe that the Pizza Italia All-Stars had all the makings of a blockbuster. And it was!

Well, they could not be faulted for thinking that way. With a well-balanced line up, fans could expect an exciting battle between Red and Green.

Kudos to Chuckie Barakat, Pizza

Italia's manager, the Kapilku, and tournament officials who moved heaven and earth to make both teams a well knit, cohesive fighting machines.

The Pizza All-Stars also was a grand time for our rookies to really display their wares against the veterans in the League.

And there were no quarters spared! Definitely the veterans unleashed their might not giving the rookies and even the sophomores any mercy as their very existence was at stake.

Now in terms of which team got the most number of superstar players, Green leads the pack.

Tuadles, as a result of his unlimited exposure in the game, led the Most Valuable Player race. The Green coach loved to put him into the game from the opening whistle up to the last buzzer of the game.

Also, Green scored a jackpot with Barcelona and Dingson. Both had consistently wowed the crowd with their seemingly aerial antics that rivaled those of Paul Alvarez.

Lugo, on the other hand, played a dual role for the Greens, that of a hardcourt general and a spiritual leader.

Expertly backing the four were

Abanero and Juan. Abanero delivered the shot when needed most. He had the speed and the hustle and sniping abilities while Juna's quick release jumper was number one.

On the Red side, Reyes was calm and cool and had the quickest and the deadliest jumpshots among the players. His shooting accuracy could not be doubted.

Babierra was the Red's biggest catch. He is a hulking slotman and he can be voted as the court's minister of national defence.

The Reds had also Zalavaria, who has proved he can be a pain in the neck

for the Greens. Zalavaria has the height and the jumping ability to battle even the grizzled veterans in the League.

The Reds also paraded a booming bomb in Vargas, a lanky skywalker who expertly backed Zalavaria's high-flying games.

And not to be forgotten is Jose. One good thing about him is that he could shoot from the three point country.

And lastly there was Atienza. He is a medium range jumper and he showed a lot of promise.

The All-Star Games had proved one thing: we had some of the best Filipino

players around. They could have been the BEST if all the selected players were around to participate.

As an ordinary basketball fan, I got something more to say. The players have the responsibility not only to themselves but also all the local basketball audience.

A player has the responsibility to perfect his craft, and make the best of himself. And he has the responsibility to show up and be counted in times when his co-operation is needed most.

Furthermore, let me take this opportunity to thank Chuckie Barakat for sponsoring the game.

Keith forced to give up charity swim

OS ANGELES, July 29, (UPI): A marathon swimmer who became the first person to butterfly stroke her way across the English Channel failed a similar attempt to swim the much narrower San Pedro Channel from Santa Catalina Island yesterday.

After 19 hours and 19 minutes in the water, Vicki Keith, 28, was pulled aboard her chase boat at 3:19 am, six miles (9.60 km) from her destination, Coast Guard Petty Officer

Robert Beals said.

Keith began swimming the 22-mile (35.40 km) distance from Santa Catalina Island's Emerald Bay to Cabrillo Beach on the mainland at 8 am Thursday, said Bill Petrasich, a spokesman for the Canadian swimmer.

The Canadian woman two weeks ago became the first swimmer to cross the 42-mile (67.30 km) English channel by butterfly stroke.

The Catalina swim was to raise money for variety children's charities.

Keith gave up her effort after a long battle to get to calmer waters. "The current was reversing itself," on the swimmer, Petrasich said.

"She went a little forward and then she was pushed back again," Petrasich said. Keith told reporters who met her boat in San Pedro that her legs cramped up.

Ngugi wins 5,000m

McKean upsets Ereng

LONDON, July 29, (Reuters): Kenyan John Ngugi, winner of a record four successive World Cross Country Championships, will not defend his title next year.

Shortly after winning the 5,000 metres at an athletics meeting between Kenya and Britain here yesterday, Ngugi said he would not compete in next year's championships in Aix-Le-Bains, France.

"I will run the 10,000 metres at the Commonwealth Games next year," Ngugi said.

"But I will not run in the World Cross Country Championships. I don't want to run the cross country again."

Ngugi said he now intended to concentrate on track events with a possible assault next year on the world 10,000 metres record.

The Olympic 5,000 champion has not been impressive on the track so far this year but yesterday he showed he will be a formidable proposition in the second half of the European season.

The 27-year-old Kenyan took the lead with eight laps to run and never looked like being headed as he strode to victory in 13 minutes 17.72 seconds, more than three seconds ahead of second-placed Briton Tim Hutchings.

Ngugi's teammate Yobes Ndiki was even more impressive in the men's 3,000 metres, winning in 7:36.72, nearly 12 seconds ahead of Briton Adrian

Passy.

But there was a rare defeat for Olympic 800 metres gold medalist Paul Ereng, who finished behind Britain's European silver medalist Tom McKean.

Ereng led through the bell in a

brisk 50.14 seconds and was five metres in front of McKean going into the back straight.

But McKean refused to give up, moving to Ereng's shoulder in the home straight and kicking with 40 metres remaining. His

time of 1:43.88 was a personal best and the fourth fastest in the year this world.

"I won the race on strength rather than speed," McKean said. "It gives me great confidence for next week's European Cup."

Ereng, unbeaten over 800 since last year's Olympics before yesterday's race, was second in 1:44.25.

As expected, Britain were superior to the Kenyans in the sprints with their Olympic silver medalists Linford Christie and Colin Jackson winning the 100 metres and 110 hurdles respectively.

World record holder Steve Cram dropped out of the men's mile shortly after the bell when he aggravated the left calf muscle injury which has been troubling him all season.

The Briton said he would not now run in the European Cup, to be staged in Gateshead, England, for which he had been selected to run over 1,500 metres.

The race was won by Kenyan Joseph Chesire, who returned a 54-second last lap to finish in 3:54.80.

Cram told reporters his season was now effectively over.

"I think that's probably the last you'll see of me this year, unfortunately," he said. "I pulled the muscle which I was risking during the last two or three races."



John Ngugi



Tom McKean

Orioles outlast Royals

NEW YORK, July 29, (AP): A 4-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals last night saved the Baltimore Orioles from the ignominious distinction of setting a record for the most consecutive losses for a first-place team.

The Orioles, whose 54-107 record last year was the worst in baseball, are 54-46. They are only the seventh Major-League team since 1900 to reach their previous season's victory total before Aug. 1, the first since the Boston Braves in 1936.

"To heck with the (eight-game) losing streak. We just needed to win a game," manager Frank Robinson said.

Athletics 8, Mariners 7. Carney Lansford came through with a bases-loaded single in the bottom of the 11th inning that gave Oakland its first victory in nine extra-inning games this season.

Lansford had been 0-for-7 with the bases this year before singling home the winning run. The Athletics loaded the bases with no outs against Gene Barris, 1-4, on infield hits by Stan Javier and Mike Gallego and an intentional walk to Ricky Henderson.

Indians 3, Red Sox 2. Cleveland moved into sole possession of second place, the best the Indians have been that high since August 1976, by sweeping Boston.

The Indians won for the sixth time in seven games. The Red Sox have lost six of seven on the road and are 1-6 in one-run decisions away from Fenway Park.

Angels 6, White Sox 5. California's Angels' Jack Lowell got three hits and scored three runs, including the game-winning home run in the bottom of the ninth inning at California.

Howell opened the ninth with single against Donn Pall, 3-2, and moved to third on first baseman Ivan Calderon's throwing error on a sacrifice by Dick Chofield.

Results			
American League			
Cleveland	3	Boston	2
Cleveland	2	Boston	4
Detroit	6	Minnesota	1
Minnesota	7	Detroit	3
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orma	6	Chicago	3
land	8	Seattle	7
National League			
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Francisco	3	Houston	2
San Diego	2	Los Angeles	1

All Blacks thrash Pumas

WELLINGTON, July 29, (Reuters): The Argentine Pumas produced a much-improved second Test performance to hold the All Blacks 49-12 in the last game of their nine-match tour of New Zealand today.

The All Blacks led only 15-12 at halftime after being pegged back by strong Argentine midfield defence and competitive forward play.

The Pumas, who were thrashed 60-9 in the first test two weeks ago, won first half lineouts by 16-8 and used the ball with far more enterprise than in their other matches.

Argentine coach Rodolfo O'Reilly said after the match his team had played with dignity and got a lot closer to what he described as the superb standard of All Black rugby.

"There is a different approach to rugby (in New Zealand) than what we are used to," he told a news conference. "The All Blacks are dedicated to a life of rugby while our players have work, study and families to consider, but that's the option of life I prefer."

O'Reilly said the tour had been beneficial as it had

allowed him to experiment with All Black techniques and tactics.

"It's one thing to watch video cassettes — it's something else to play against them (the All Blacks)," he said.

New Zealand coach Alex Wyllie also praised the Pumas' performance.

"They went out and contested well and played harder than in the first test," he said. "They put in some good first-up tackles which didn't allow us to run."

Winger Terry Wright and scrumhalf Bruce Deans each scored two tries while Grant Fox kicked 19 points. Deans' first try was after just one minute of play and it looked as though the predictions of a one-sided match would prove right.

But the Pumas struck back. Outstanding prop Serafin Dengra scored a try after a superb build-up through the backs. Fabio Gomez, who replaced captain Daniel Baeti, was the pick of a much-improved backline.

For New Zealand the main concern after the match was the loss of ace flanker Michael Jones.

West Germany snap US streak

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 29, (AP): West Germany scored a clearcut victory in the Grand Prix des Nations Show Jumping Competition yesterday to snap the Americans' winning streak in the \$148,000 Stockholm international horse show.

But the second-placed American quartet, including Thursday's individual winner, Katie Prudent Monahan, kept the overall lead in the eight-month series that started in April.

The US team had won two other major competitions earlier in the five-day show that is a dress rehearsal for next year's inaugural World Equestrian Games.

It was the first victory of the year in the 21-meet Nations Cup for West Germany, which won the Olympic team Grand Prix jumping gold medal in the Seoul Olympics last year but has had problems since.

"It took us time to get together

again after the Olympics," said Dutch-born Franke Sloothak, one of two Olympic champions on the German quartet.

"I think we had a very good Nations Cup this time. The course was fair for the horses and difficult enough for the riders."

Others on the West German team included Dirk Hafemeister, the other Olympic gold medalist, Otto Becker and Karsten Huck, the Grand Prix jumping bronze medalist in Seoul.

Brazil begin quest for World Cup berth

Uruguay face easy time against Bolivia and Peru

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 29, (AP): Fresh from winning its first South American Championship in 40 years, Brazil tomorrow begins their quest for a berth in the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy.

Brazil, never absent from a World Cup, face Venezuela in Caracas tomorrow in the kick-off of the three South American qualifying series, which will be played through August and Sep-

tember.

Brazil and Venezuela share Group 3 with Chile, Bolivia, Peru, and Uruguay are in Group 1 and Colombia, Paraguay, and Ecuador in Group 2.

The Brazilians are strong candidates to win their group and gain one of the 24 berths in Italy. The Group 1 winner also qualifies, and the Group 3 winner plays Israel, winner of

Oceania, for a berth in the World Cup.

World champion Argentina, which finished a distant third in the America Cup, as the South American Championship is called, qualify automatically for the next World Cup.

Not only did the Brazilians beat Argentina and perennial powerhouse Uruguay in the America Cup, but they showed a practical soccer, emphasizing a strong defense, traditionally its weak spot.

"Our 'jogo bonito' is beautiful for the eye, but it doesn't win games," Brazilian coach Sebastiao Lazaroni said. "I want to win."

Playing the classy, carefree style known as "jogo bonito" that made it famous world-wide, Brazil has won three World Cups. But its last victory goes back to the 1970 tournament in Mexico. Until the America Cup, Brazil had not won any other major international tournament.

"If we are going to win the World Cup again, we have to be more aggressive, more dynamic. Everybody has to help recover the ball. We can't afford defensive mistakes," Lazaroni said.

They won the America Cup,

played in Brazil, with 5-3-2 scheme, in which two backs not only provide lateral defense but also supported the attack. In the qualifying phase, Lazaroni will experiment with three strikers —

Napoli's Careca plus Bebeto and Romario, both of whom played superbly in the America Cup.

Careca, injured, didn't play. When he returned to the team, Lazaroni decided to sacrifice a midfielder and added a third striker.

The Brazilian "dream team," as the press likes to call that line-up, opens against Venezuela, probably the weakest team of the region. Then it faces Chile, which didn't make it to the finals in the America Cup and apparently poses no threat.

Uruguay seems another shoe in for Italy. Uruguay started slowly in the America Cup, but in the final round beat Argentina and Paraguay, and in the decisive game lost 1-0 to Brazil.

The backbone of Uruguay is formed by stars who play in Europe. Even though they joined the team at the last minute, they were able to co-ordinate their moves from the very beginning. Lazio's Ruben Sosa became the star of the team, out-

shining better known players such as Enzo Francescoli, Ruben Paz, and Hugo de Leon.

Bolivia and Peru were unable to win a single game in the America Cup and neither seems likely to beat Uruguay in the qualifying series.

Romario



Romario



Goldkamp scores easy win

Marion Goldkamp of West Germany clears 1.89 metres in the women's high jump event at Crystal Palace, London, to score an easy victory.

West German women were competing against Britain in field events at this meet. (Reuters wirephoto)

Punjab hold Katmandu to 1-1 draw

MUSCAT, Oman, July 29, (AP): A late rally helped Punjab of Pakistan share honours with Nepal's Kamandu Sports Club in a 1-1 draw yesterday in the 9th Asian Club Championship Group III qualifying round match at the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex.

Punjab were one man short when they scored their equalizer in the 85th minute through Zahid Luqman. Luqman tapped home a through pass from the midfield.

Punjab striker Muhammad Younas was sent off the field in the 56th minute when he repeated a dangerous foul. Earlier he was warned by the Jordanian referee Hussain Suleiman.

Punjab played a far better game than their previous matches but lacked sharp finishing. Katmandu's superior skill was overshadowed after the first goal in the 10th minute as they fell back on a defensive strategy.

Umesh Pradhan gained in the lead in the 10th minute, when he slammed home, past advancing Punjab keeper Malik Akhtar, a minute pass from Muhammad Younas.

Today, Fajia and Salgaocar play the last League match.

Lineups: Punjab, Pakistan: Malik Akhtar, Muhammad Riaz, Tahir Qureshi, Tanveer Hasnain, Muhammad Irman (Nasir Ali, 87th minute), Syed Rizvi, Amir Mehmood, Zahid Luqman, Muhammad Khan, Ghulam Ahmad, Muhammad Younas.

Katmandu, Nepal: Ajar Adhikary, Raju Shakya, Man Bahadur Malla, Rajesh Manandhar, Birat Jung Shah, Jeevan Lama (Pravesh KC 43rd minute), Umesh Pradhan, Mani Shah, Rajesh Naskey, Pawan Bahadur Shrestha (Ganesh Thapa, 70th minute), Kedar Manandhar.

Driscoll wins hammer throw

Lenzi performs difficult dive

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 29, (UPI): Mark Lenzi successfully completed a 4 1/2 somersault dive off the 10-metre platform at the US Olympic Festival yesterday, becoming the first American ever to do so in competition.

The five judges gave Lenzi scores of 6, 6.5 and 7 out of a possible 10 during qualifying dives for tomorrow's finals in the platform event.

Lenzi, who celebrated his 21st birthday on July 4, had attempted the 4 1/2 somersault off the 3-metre board during the preliminaries Thursday and failed to complete the final rotation. He still received scores of 3 and 4 for that effort and he said he would try it again during the 3-metre finals today.

His attempt off the platform yesterday was delayed by a thunderstorm which swept through the area just as the competitors had finished their eighth round of diving.

When they returned to competition, Lenzi, who won this year's NCAA 1-metre championship, managed to pull off his 4 1/2 to the extent the judges rewarded him with reasonable

scores. The 4 1/2 somersault carries a degree of difficulty of 3.5, whereas most dives are rated at less than 3.

Even with the points garnered from that effort, Lenzi qualified only seventh for the finals with Scott Donie leading the prelims with 592.35 points. Matt Scoggins was second at 583.90 and Patrick Jeffrey was third at 583.90. Lenzi had 465.50 points.

His effort was the keynote event on a relatively slow afternoon at the festival, where the evening activities included the women's gymnastics all-around finals as well as a full evening of track and field.

Jim Driscoll started the track and field programme by winning the hammer throw with a heave of 231-10.

In the women's diving competition, Courtney Nelson rallied past Colleen Smith to win the preliminary round of the women's 10-metre diving.

Smith, who finished sixth at the Olympic trials last year, held a comfortable lead after five dives, but Nelson scored heavily on her last three dives to register 371.75 points. Smith faltered on

her, closing dives and slumped to sixth, but still qualified for tomorrow's finals.

"This is great preparation for me for our national meet," Nelson said. "There is no pressure at all. You just go out and do your best and work on being consistent. The best divers are the ones who can consistently score on every dive."

Elsewhere around the venues yesterday, the first American record of the festival was set in women's weightlifting. Arlys Kovach, competing in the 75-kilogram class, lifted a total weight of 457.25 pounds.

That mark was the best ever for an American woman in that weight class and brought her the gold medal in an event being held at the festival for the first time.

The rowing competition also opened with the first of three scheduled races in 11 divisions. Points will be awarded in each race with the top point earner in each category getting the gold medal tomorrow.

Allan Green won the first of the men's single sculls races while Linda Muri won the opening women's single sculls race.

Derby to re-erect fences

Pitch invasion feared

DERBY, England, July 29, (Reuters): Derby county, the first English soccer club to remove the perimeter fences from their ground after the Hillsborough tragedy, are to bring them back.

The club hopes to have modified perimeter fences built at the visiting fans' area of the ground in time for the first League game of the season on Aug 23.

The fences were taken down after 95 Liverpool fans were crushed to death in Britain's worst sporting disaster at a Football Association (FA) Cup semifinal

at Sheffield's Hillsborough ground in April.

Spectators in an overcrowded part of the stadium were unable to escape on to the pitch because of the fences.

But Derby secretary Michael Dunford said the decision to re-erect fences had been taken because of fears about the behaviour of visiting fans.

"Away fans don't respect visiting grounds like they do their own and we, along with the police, feared a full-scale pitch invasion, putting people and players' lives in danger."

US eases bar on horses

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 29, (Reuters): The United States eased restrictions yesterday on the entry of foreign horses with a contagious venereal disease that can affect fertility and breeding.

The agriculture department said that to speed the temporary entry of foreign horses participating in US races or equestrian events, it was scrapping a requirement that the horses be tested and treated in their home country.

The disease, called contagious equine metritis, is found in 13 European countries and Japan, according to the department.

While in the United States, the horses will have to be kept away from breeding facilities and separated from other horses, except when in transit.

Vasco da Gama seek Jorginho and Aldair

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 29, (Reuters): Fans of Rio's Flamengo soccer club, still reeling from Vasco da Gama's signing of their top striker, Bebeto, heard reports yesterday that two of the team's other key players could land at the arch-rivals camp through a deal involving European clubs.

After losing Bebeto, who signed for one year with Vasco da Gama, Flamengo officials are trying to cancel a deal with Bayer Leverkusen of West Germany and Benfica of Portugal. They respectively signed right-back Jorginho and fullback Aldair.

Press reports said Vasco da Gama officials had negotiated with both the German and the Portuguese clubs for the two stars to join the Brazilian club on loan until next June.

Vasco da Gama's official Jorge Salgado refused comment in a television interview.

"Minor details are separating Jorginho and Aldair from landing at Sa Januario Street (Vasco da Gama's address)," reporter Vitor Emanuel said on Tupi radio station.

Aldair had been signed by Benfica from Flamengo a month ago for \$1.2 million. Jorginho was purchased last week by Bayer Leverkusen for \$800,000. "Vasco da Gama found out that both teams were having trouble registering their new players in their national federations. In view of that, they acted on the spot and apparently convinced the European teams to let the players in Brazil until after the World Cup, on loan," Emanuel said.

The players, who are serving the national team, said they would fly to Europe in August to join their new clubs.

Flamengo's president Gilberto Cardoso Filho, who returned from a month-long European trip yesterday, had his home protected against Flamengo's irate fans, who are demanding he and his staff resign.

Meanwhile, Brazilian World Cup star defender Josimar was signed yesterday by Guarani of Sao Paulo from Rio de Janeiro state champions Botafogo, for an estimated transfer fee of \$500,000, an official for the Rio club said.

Josimar, 27, won international prestige after scoring two spectacular goals for Brazil in the World Soccer Cup finals in Mexico, in 1986, against Ireland and Poland.

"Josimar's era at Botafogo is over. He was very important during our victorious campaign that led us to the championship in the Rio de Janeiro League, but it's time for him to make good money," Botafogo's official Emil Pinheiro said.

Josimar, who travelled for Caracas yesterday, where Brazil will play their first World Cup qualifying match said he had not yet negotiated his contract with officials of Guarani.

"I'm supposed to meet them on Tuesday, after we return from Caracas. It's no problem. A transfer is always a chance to make extra money," Josimar said.



Careca (left), after scoring a goal in the last World Cup

SPORTS

Roma, Genoa and Napoli hit problems with foreign stars

THE HAGUE, July 29. (Reuters): International midfielder Gerald Vanenburg has signed a contract for life with Dutch champions PSV Eindhoven, dashing Roma's hopes of wooing him away for a reported \$6 million.

A new contract binds the 25-year-old Vanenburg to PSV for the next eight years and guarantees him an income from the club until he reaches 60.

"I decided I would rather play with PSV," Vanenburg said in a radio interview today. "After 35 you can't play any more...I wanted security and luckily I got that from PSV."

There was more bad news for other Italian clubs ahead of the new season starting on August 27.

UEFA Cup winners Napoli have lost contact with Diego Maradona after warning he would be fined if he failed to return from

Argentina by August 3.

Soviet soccer authorities yesterday doubled to \$3 million the transfer fee for Dynamo Minsk centre-forward Sergei Aleinikov, who last month appeared to be bound for newly-promoted Genoa.

Aleinikov arrived in Italy on Thursday saying he was hoping to sign a contract with Genoa but the northern club has said it will

not discuss the higher sum.

In a sign of further tension between Napoli and Maradona, the southern club says it has been unable to reach either the Argentine World Cup captain or his manager in Argentina for several days. Maradona had earlier been ordered to rejoin the club for pre-season training next Thursday.

Napoli president Corrado Ferlaino said in a statement that Maradona "has always hon-

oured his commitments," but other officials have privately expressed fears that his behaviour may be linked to Napoli's refusal to discuss a transfer with French club Marseille.

Maradona has expressed conflicting views on Marseille's offer, saying on some occasions that he would keep to his contract with Napoli until 1993 and on others that he wanted to move for family reasons.



Gatting



Alikhan

Lancashire blast Notts

Worcestershire cut Essex' lead

LONDON, July 29. (Reuters): Reigning champions Worcestershire cut the Essex lead at the top of the English County Championship table to 11 points as they beat Surrey yesterday.

Their 103-run victory at Worcester came as Essex were held to a draw by Middlesex at Uxbridge. Mike Gatting and Desmond Haynes thwarting the leaders with an unbroken third-wicket stand of 319.

With Lancashire and Hampshire also winning the pressure is mounting on Essex, who were docked 25 points earlier this week because of their sub-standard Southend pitch.

Surrey opener Rehan Alikhan made a fighting 50 and 19-year-old Graham Thorpe 78, but the 388-run target proved too tall an order.

Lancashire won an impressive run chase to beat Nottinghamshire at Worksop by six wickets, reaching their 311-run target thanks to the efforts of Graham Lloyd and Mike Atherton.

The 20-year-old Lloyd, son of former England batsman David Lloyd, hit a career-best 117, including 19 fours, sharing a 139 stand with Cambridge University captain Atherton, who went on to make 90.

Former England captain Mike Gatting fought his way out of a poor run of form to score an unbeaten 158 with 28 fours — his first championship hundred of the season — against Essex.

Results

At Northampton Derbyshire beat Northamptonshire by eight wickets. Northamptonshire 287 in 82 overs and 181 runs. Gloucestershire 240 in 82 overs and 46 (C. Connor seven for 51, M. Marshall three for 14). Hampshire 406 for nine declared in 115.5 overs. Hampshire 24 points. Gloucestershire beat Gloucestershire by nine wickets. Gloucestershire 228 in 77.5 overs and 118. Gloucestershire 247 in 98 overs and 100 for one (T. Boon 60 not out). Gloucestershire 22 points. Gloucestershire 24 points.

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At Uxbridge Middlesex vs Essex — match drawn. Essex 390 in 138.4 overs. Middlesex 198 in 73.4 overs and 241 for two declared (M. Gatting 158 not out, D. Haynes 143 not out). Middlesex four points. Essex seven.

At Edgbaston Warwickshire vs Yorkshire — match drawn. Warwickshire 352 in 121.5 overs and 237 for three declared. A. Metcalfe 401. Yorkshire seven points. Warwickshire four.

At Worcester: Worcestershire beat Surrey by 102 runs. Worcestershire 284 in 87.1 overs and 258 for six declared (P. Moore 116, A. Wells 78 not out). Somerset 164 for seven declared in 103.2 overs and 292 for six (S. Cook 130).

At Worksop: Lancashire beat Nottinghamshire by six wickets. Nottinghamshire 327 for eight declared in 95 overs and 211 (L. Austin four for 60, M. Watkinson three for 59). Lancashire 230 in 71.2 overs and 309 for four (G. Lloyd 117, M. Atherton 90, T. Jerry 59 not out).

At Dover: Sussex vs Somerset — match drawn. Sussex 316 for nine declared in 90.1 overs and 245 for four declared (P. Moore 116, A. Wells 78 not out). Somerset 164 for seven declared in 103.2 overs and 292 for six (S. Cook 130).

Liverpool and Arsenal win

LONDON, July 29. (Reuters): Liverpool will have an early opportunity to avenge their last year's championship defeat by Arsenal when the two sides meet in the final of a four-team soccer tournament at Wembley tomorrow.

Second half goals from England winger John Barnes, who scored from the penalty spot, and Irish striker John Aldridge eased Liverpool to a 2-0 win over Dinamo Kiev of the Soviet Union.

while Arsenal beat Portsmouth's Porto 1-0.

Porto defender Demol turned the ball into his own net four minutes before halftime to present the English champions with victory in the opening match of the tournament.

Arsenal travelled to Liverpool and won 2-0 in the final game of the last game of the season nine weeks ago to clinch their first English Championship crown for 17 years.

Aussies have Ashes in sight

Border passes 8,000 runs

MANCHESTER, England, July 29. (Reuters): Australia had the Ashes firmly in sight today after dominating England yet again on the third day of the fourth Test.

Australia ended on 441 for nine, a lead of 181, and with England's batting these days so brittle, the chances of the home side avoiding defeat over the final two days did not look bright.

England, already 2-0 down in the six-Test series, desperately needed an early breakthrough when play resumed with Australia on 219 for three, 41 behind.

But it never came as first Allan Border (80) and Dean Jones, who made 69, and later Seve Waugh (92) proved more than a match for the largely lacklustre England attack.

During his innings Border became only the third man to pass 8,000 runs in Test cricket. He now stands behind only India's Sunil Gavaskar and Englishman Geoff Boycott in the all-time list.

The only wicket to fall in the first two sessions was that of Jones, bowled by Ian Botham before lunch.

Rain forced the players off the field 10 minutes before lunch and 55 minutes in all were lost before play resumed in bright sunshine.

But Australia resumed where



Border sweeps a ball from Nicholas Cook to the boundary for four. (Reuters wirephoto)

they had left off. Border and Waugh producing attractive strokes on both sides of the wicket.

The only excitement for England came soon after tea when paceman Neil Foster took two wickets in two balls.

First Foster had Border caught behind by Jack Russell and then he trapped Ian Healy leg before.

Trevor Hohns made 17 and although Merv Hughes found Nick Cook's spin beyond him, departing for three, Geoff Lawson, starting at 423 for nine, hit an unbeaten 13.

None of the home bowlers showed enough menace to worry



Mark Taylor clutches his chest after being hit by John Emburey. (Reuters wirephoto)

the Australians. Foster looking the best with two for 69.

Scoreboard
ENGLAND first innings 260 (R. Smith 143, G. Lawson six for 72, T. Hohns three for 55).
AUSTRALIA first innings (overnight: 219 for three).
M. Taylor st Russell b Emburey... 85
G. Marsh c Russell b Emburey... 47
D. Boon b Fraser... 12
A. Border c Russell b Foster... 80
D. Jones b Botham... 69

Two-way tie for Open lead

GRAND BLANC, MI., July 29. (Reuters): Hal Sutton birdied his final three holes to shoot a four-under par 68 and tie fellow-American Doug Tewell halfway through the one million dollar Grand Blanc Open golf tournament yesterday.

Four players, including first-round leader Leonard Thompson and British Open runnerup Wayne Grady, are one stroke back at 136. Joining the pair at eight-under par are Americans Mark O'Meara and Joel Edwards.

Sutton had four birdies and no bogies yesterday to go with a 67 in the opening round.

Senna claims GP pole position

HOCKENHEIM, West Germany, July 29. (Reuters): Ayrton Senna extended his record career total of pole positions to 36 today when he claimed the prime grid position for tomorrow's West German Grand Prix.

The Brazilian world champion, 20 points behind his McLaren team-mate Alain Prost in this year's title chase, was unable to improve on his provisional pole time of one minute 42.300 seconds in slower conditions than those for yesterday's opening session.

But with most of the field finding the long Hockenheim circuit more difficult in warmer weather

today, Senna's overnight position was rarely threatened.

Frenchman Prost, who leaves McLaren at the end of the season, struggled to improve his time until the final minutes of the session when he clocked 1.43.295 on his last flying lap.

Senna's success was the 17th pole in succession for McLaren. In fact only once in 25 races have the Honda-powered team failed to head qualifying — at the British Grand Prix last year when Austrian Gerhard Berger was quickest in a Ferrari.

The Ferrari were both unable to improve and Briton Nigel Mansell and Berger had to settle

for third and fourth places on the grid respectively.

But both Williams cars, driven by Italian Riccardo Patrese and Belgian Thierry Boutsen, improved to fill the third row in fifth and sixth positions.

Senna said he thought the hotter weather today had reduced the power of his Honda engine and added that he did not feel it was necessary to win the race for him to improve his championship position.

The McLaren team said Senna had badly damaged his car yesterday and the team's mechanics had worked overnight to rebuild a car for him.

The session was largely uneventful except for one spectacular crash when Belgian Bertrand Gachot lost control at the end of the back straight and spun off into a safety wall at the entry to the stadium complex section of the circuit.

Briton Martin Brundle took part in the session despite feeling unwell with a severe stomach upset. Brundle has been taking tablets and told not to eat for 24 hours.

Brundle only drove in the final eight minutes of the session and was unable to improve his Friday time.

Agassi and Lendl reach final

YOKOHAMA, Japan, July 29. (UPI): American teenager Andre Agassi, ranked fourth in the world, used a blistering but inconsistent forehand to upset Sweden's third-ranked Stefan Edberg 6-1, 1-6, 7-6 (9-7) today in the \$500,000 All Nippon Airways Cup exhibition tennis tournament at the Yokohama Arena.

Czechoslovak world No. 1 Ivan Lendl breezed past Mats Wilander of Sweden 6-2, 7-6 (7-4) the only other match of the four-player tournament.

Lendl will meet 19-year-old Agassi in the finals tomorrow.

"The difference in the first and second set was that everything he hit in the first set was in and everything he hit in the second set was out," said Edberg, runner-up in two of this season's Grand Slam tour-

naments — against American Michael Chang in the French Open and West German Boris Becker in the Wimbledon final.

Agassi came out smoking, winning the first three games.

Edberg held comfortably in the fourth, but Agassi held off break point in the fifth, broke Edberg in the next and didn't lose a point while holding serve for the set.

The Swede recovered in the second set when Agassi's service disappeared and Edberg got his serve-and-volley game in gear.

Agassi held service in the second game to knot the score at one each, then Edberg won the next five games, using a mixture of Agassi's unforced errors and Edberg's own brilliant play at the net.

Khaosai stops Castro for title

SURIN, Thailand, July 29. (Reuters): Thailand's Khaosai Galaxy survived his first knockdown in five years as champion to retain his world junior-bantamweight crown when Colombia's Alberto Castro retired after a 10-round battering today.

Khaosai, making his 11th defence of the World Boxing Association title, shrugged off his trip to the canvas when Castro caught him with a right to the head in the second round.

style of play, to see what he could do well and couldn't do well. He's a solid player. He served well, but I was able to get a lot of returns back in court and then take it from there."

Mayotte won five of the nine games he served at love but dropped his serve in the eighth game of the first set on a double-fault and two uncharacteristic volley errors to give the 205th ranked Youl his only service break.

Mayotte broke Youl three times in the first set by chipping returns at Youl's feet and registered the final break at 4-3 in the second set.

Mayotte said his ability to rely on his serve and keep points short in the heat has helped him win all six sets he has played this week.

"The top players have one shot they can rely on. I feel that, while my volley may be my best shot, my serve helps me to keep the points short," Mayotte reasoned.

Youl said that the struggle to hold his own service games throughout the match and his inability to handle the power on Mayotte's serve never allowed him to compete with the top seed.

Lopez ahead

SOMERS POINT, N.J., July 29. (Reuters): American Nancy Lopez turned in a three-under-par 67 yesterday to take a one-stroke lead after the first round of the \$225,000-dollar Atlantic City classic golf tournament.

Betsy King, winner of five tournaments this year, is tied with American compatriots Chris Johnson and Elaine Crosby at two-under par. Eight other players are tied at one-under par.

WASHINGTON, July 29. (UPI): Top seeds Tim Mayotte and Brad Gilbert took different paths to the semifinals of the Sovran Bank Classic yesterday with Mayotte cruising past Simon Youl and Gilbert struggling against Paul Chamberlin.

Mayotte, the top seed and the world's 11th-ranked player, downed Australia's Youl, 6-3, 6-3, in a quarterfinal encounter. Gilbert, the second seed and the world's 14th-ranked player, outlasted Chamberlin, the 10th seed, 6-7 (7-5), 6-4, 6-4 in 2 hours and 45 minutes.

In today's semifinals of the \$297,500 Grand Prix event, Mayotte was to play 11th seed Todd Witsken, who rallied to beat Jim Grabb, ranked 135th, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3. Gilbert faced unseeded Richey Reneberg, who downed 12th seed Ramesh Krishnan of India, 6-1, 6-1 in 75 minutes.

Chamberlin was playing his first tournament since reaching the quarterfinals at Wimbledon before losing to eventual champion Boris Becker earlier this month.



Mayotte outclassed Youl

Chamberlin and Gilbert traded service breaks in the first set, then Chamberlin squandered a 4-0 lead in the tie-breaker before winning the set when Gilbert sent a forehand volley into

the net. Gilbert fought off four break points and benefited from a controversial call to hold serve in the sixth game, then broke Chamberlin in the ninth game and served out the set.

Mayotte, of Bradenton, Fla., won four tournaments last year and captured the silver medal in the Olympics, but his best performance in 1989 was a runnerup finish in Philadelphia. But the 6-foot-3 right-hander looked good in snapping Youl's eight-match winning streak.

"I thought I played very well — my best match of the week so far," Mayotte said. "It just took a little while to get used to his



Admiral's Cup

United States team Great News, with helmsman Tom Blachailer on the tiller, in action in the Admiral's Cup 200-mile channel race, which started from Cowes, England, on Friday night. Great News was fifth in the race around the second mark after 69 miles. Japan's Will was in first place while Androsbank of Denmark was second and Britain's Jamarella third. (Reuters wirephoto)

KFA holds meeting

THE board of directors of the Kuwait Football Association (KFA) held an extraordinary meeting yesterday and discussed the latest decision of the International Football Federation (FIFA).

FIFA has threatened to suspend Kuwait's membership, besides imposing a \$31,000 fine. The meeting was chaired by the KFA president Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed.

The board decided to hold an urgent meeting tomorrow for the presidents and secretary-generals of all sports clubs in the country to discuss what action should be taken on the FIFA decisions.

The FIFA executive committee on Wednesday threatened to suspend Kuwait's membership at the international body if it did not withdraw a demand for \$5 million compensation over the FIFA delay in deciding about the Islamic championship which was supposed to be held in March this year.

FIFA also imposed the \$31,000 on KFA for what it claimed "violence by the Kuwaiti crowd in a World Cup qualifying match played against UAE in Kuwait last December."

It was learnt that Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed is likely to leave for Zurich, Switzerland to meet the president of FIFA to discuss both issues. Sheikh Fahd will also hold a press conference tomorrow to throw light on the FIFA decisions.

Sources said that FIFA has informed KFA of its approval over the holding of the Peace and Friendship Tournament with the participation of 8 teams only and under the condition Kuwait withdraws its case against the FIFA.

China retain chess trophy

KUALA LUMPUR, July 29. (KUNA): China's men team retained the Tun Razak Challenge Trophy when they defeated Thailand 4-0 in the last round of the 8th Asian Team Chess Championship which ended at Genting Highland, 30 km from here last night.

China with a total of 29 points, was comfortably two points clear of runners-up Indonesia.

India was third with 26.5 points. Philippines was 4th, Pakistan and China women 5th. Kuwait finished 15th.

The Malaysia A team shares joint seventh position with Thailand after defeating Kuwait 3-1.